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Résumé

Le présent ouvrage étudie les algues d'eau douce de l'île Ellesmere qui fait partie de l'archipel polaire du Canada. Les spécimens appartiennent à d'importantes collections prélevées dans la zone de recherche de Camp Hazen, dans la partie nord-est de l'île (81° 49'N, 71° 18' O). Parmi les cyanophycées, les chlorophycées et les chrysophycées (sans compter les diatomées) 225 types sont représentés dont neuf semblent nouveaux à la phycologie. Par ailleurs, tous ces types, à l'exception de cinq d'entre eux, sont pour la première fois identifiés dans l'île Ellesmere. Cette flore semble nettement alpino-boréale et l'on remarque chez les desmidiées deux tendances nordiques: un petit nombre de genres et une distribution relativement abondante du genre *Cosmarium*. On note aussi de façon positive que les cyanophycées sont relativement plus abondantes dans les petits étangs saisonniers alors que les desmidiées se rencontrent plutôt dans les étangs plus vastes et permanents.

Les types que l'on croit nouveaux sont les suivants: *Pediastrum boryanum* (Turp.) Menegh. var. **ellesmerense** var. n., *Actinotaenium diplosporum* (Lund.) Teil. f. **arcticum** f.n., *Cosmarium anceps* Lund. f. **arcticum** f.n., *C. granatum* Bréb. **messikommeri** f.n., *C. punctulatum* Bréb. f. **arcticum** f.n., *C. quadratum* Ralfs f. **boreale** f.n., *C. septentrionale* sp. n., *C. subeductum* Gutw. var. **oliveri** var. n. et *Staurastrum scabrum* Bréb. f. **boldtii** f.n.

Summary

The freshwater algae of Ellesmere Island, N.W.T., Canada, were studied from extensive collections taken from the Camp Hazen Study Area in the northeastern part of the island (81° 49'N, 71° 18'W). In the groups of blue-greens, greens and yellow-greens (exclusive of diatoms), 225 taxa are illustrated, of which all but five are new records for Ellesmere and nine believed new to science. The algal flora seem mainly arctic-alpine and in the desmids show two northern tendencies: a small number of genera and a relatively great abundance of the genus *Cosmarium*. It is also clearly indicated that, in this area, blue-greens are relatively more abundant in small, temporary ponds and desmids in larger, permanent ponds.

Taxa believed new to science are: *Pediastrum boryanum* (Turp.) Menegh. var. **ellesmerense** var. n., *Actinotaenium diplosporum* (Lund.) Teil. f. **arcticum** f. n., *Cosmarium anceps* Lund. f. **arcticum** f. n., *C. granatum* Bréb. f. **messikommeri** f. n., *C. punctulatum* Bréb. f. **arcticum** f. n., *C. quadratum* Ralfs f. **boreale** f. n., *C. septentrionale* sp. n., *C. subductum* Gutw. var. **oliveri** var. n., and *Staurastrum scabrum* Bréb. f. **boldtii** f. n.

Biographical Note

Dr. Croasdale's interest in algae from the far north began in 1951 when the Arctic Institute of North America sponsored her study of the algae and bryophytes of interior Alaska, with particular reference to their distribution in both glaciated and unglaciated areas. This subarctic region proved to be extremely rich in desmids, which led her to engage in further research on collections from such areas as Cape Thompson and Karluk Lake in Alaska, and Labrador and Devon Island in Canada. The present study was undertaken as the result of a grant from the National Science Foundation, combined with the offer by Dr. D.R. Oliver and Dr. P.S. Corbet, Entomology Research Institute, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, to make available their Ellesmere Island collections. The material in these collections proved to be subarctic rather than arctic, but rich and interesting enough to occupy Dr. Croasdale's time for four years. Recently retired from active teaching in the Department of Biological Sciences, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., Dr. Croasdale is currently engaged in the study of desmids of North America and the tropics, but would still welcome freshwater collections from a truly arctic habitat.

Preface

Ellesmere Island, N.W.T., Canada, is the third largest island of the Canadian Arctic archipelago, with an area of approximately 75,024 square miles, much of the interior being covered by an ice cap. It extends farther north than any land mass except Greenland, to lat. 83°8' N, less than 500 miles from the North Pole (Map 1, p. 14).

From 1962 to 1965, Dr. D. R. Oliver and Dr. P. S. Corbet of the Entomology Research Institute, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, made an extensive study of aquatic habitats in the region known as the Hazen Camp Study Area (Map 2, p. 16; Table 1, p. 119) in the northeastern part (81° 49'N, 71° 18'W) of Ellesmere Island (Oliver and Corbet 1966). In the course of their investigations freshwater algae were collected and preserved, 12 collections being made in the summer of 1962 (some by Dr. D. B. O. Savile), and 200 in the summer of 1965 (some by Dr. U. I. Røen), "I think from every possible habitat" (D.R. Oliver 1965: *personal communication*). The present paper treats the blue-greens, greens and some of the yellow-greens of these collections. Diatoms have been omitted, although there is an abundance of them in the collections.

Previous investigations of the freshwater algae of Ellesmere Island are limited to two papers in Polunin's *Botany of the Canadian Eastern Arctic*. Ross (1947) studied the diatoms, finding 192 species in all, 76 of which occurred on Ellesmere Island. Whelden (1947) treated the other algae, reporting 383 species in all, but only five on Ellesmere Island. Accordingly, of the 225 taxa illustrated in the present paper (which omits diatoms), practically all are new records for Ellesmere Island.

The ample statistics furnished in the Oliver and Corbet paper (1966) on the freshwater habitats, and the fact that the collections were taken during practically the whole short growing season, challenged the author to find correlations between physical properties of the habitats and the algal taxa. Although comparison of taxa with surface area, volume and depth of water, and pH was fruitless, there proved to be a very definite relationship between the permanence of a pond and the groups of algae it supported (Graph 1, p. 120); blue-greens were relatively more abundant in temporary ponds and desmids in permanent ponds, including tarns. This curve was definite when diversity only was noted; that is, the number of different taxa from one type of pond was recorded and compared to the number from another type. It was somewhat more striking when the biomass was taken into account and an evaluation made of the number of ponds in which each taxon was found, and the relative abundance of that particular taxon in each.

The extremely high latitude and the extensive glacier coverage of northern Ellesmere Island originally encouraged the hope that a truly arctic flora might appear in the collections, but this did not occur. The overall impression was of an

arctic-alpine flora, with some subarctic and many cosmopolitan forms. Among the most abundant arctic-alpine forms were *Cosmarium pokornyianum* (Grun.) West and West, *C. pseudo-holmii* Borge and *C. wittrockii* Lund. The only presumably true "arctic species" was *Staurostrum rhabdophorum* Nordst., found not in the Hazen Camp Study Area but at Craig Harbour, at the southernmost tip of the Island (76° 10' N, Whelden 1947).

It is quite possible that this absence of an arctic flora is attributable to the summer temperatures in the Camp Hazen Study Area, where the collections were made. As Savile (1964: 238) pointed out, summer temperatures there "are generally exceptionally high for the latitude, higher in fact than for many coastal stations 5° to 8° farther south". A four-year record showed a July mean of 44.2°F, which is probably higher than that at Craig Harbour.

In fact, the desmid flora of Ellesmere Island, as known from the Camp Hazen Study Area, is very similar to that of Devon Island (75°40' N) since 44 of the 90 species found on the islands occurred on both. Another similarity exists between the algae of Ellesmere Island and those of northeastern Greenland (76° N, Børgesen 1910). Most of the blue-greens he reported and nearly half of the greens, including desmids, were found also on Ellesmere Island.

However, while not truly arctic, the desmid flora of Ellesmere showed two "high northern tendencies": 1) the decreasing number of desmid genera, and 2) the increasing relative abundance of *Cosmarium*. These tendencies are shown in Graphs 2 and 3 (pp.121,122), where a comparison is made with desmid floras I studied, from Labrador (51° 30' to 55° 30' N), Alaska (66° to 68° N) and Devon Island (75° 40' N). I noted no significant difference for degrees of longitude. The Alaskan desmids fit into the curve as if they also occurred on the east coast of North America.

It is disappointing that the one algae collection known for comparison from a higher latitude — northern Greenland (81° 25' to 83°6', Petersen 1924) — was based on only 12 samples of dried material, and revealed mainly blue-greens and diatoms. The blue-greens agree very closely with those in the Ellesmere collections (there are 10 of the 13 species), but only a very few greens were reported, mostly genus only, and only one desmid, which was cosmopolitan in distribution.

The algae from the Camp Hazen Study Area were collected, principally by Dr. U. Roen and Dr. D. R. Oliver, from about 60 different localities, most of which are described in detail in a recent publication (Oliver and Corbet 1966). For each taxon reported the locality is noted, followed by a letter indicating its relative abundance, i.e. *cc* (very common), *c* (common), *o* (occasional), *r* (rare), *rr* (very rare). This is a subjective rating, based solely on observation of a few slides from each vial; the number of slides made from the

material in each vial varied from one to eight, and the number of vials per locality from one to ten, both averaging about 3.5.

Taxonomic Part

The genera are arranged in a natural system, according to the author's best understanding, but the species are alphabetized under each genus. Keys are furnished to the local genera and species. In identification, the authorities used were chiefly Bourrelly (1966), Drouet (1968), Drouet and Daily (1956), Prescott (1951), Geitler (1932), Krieger (1937), Krieger and Gerloff (1962, 1965), the monograph on desmids (West and West 1904 - 12), West, West and Carter (1923), and the author's iconograph.

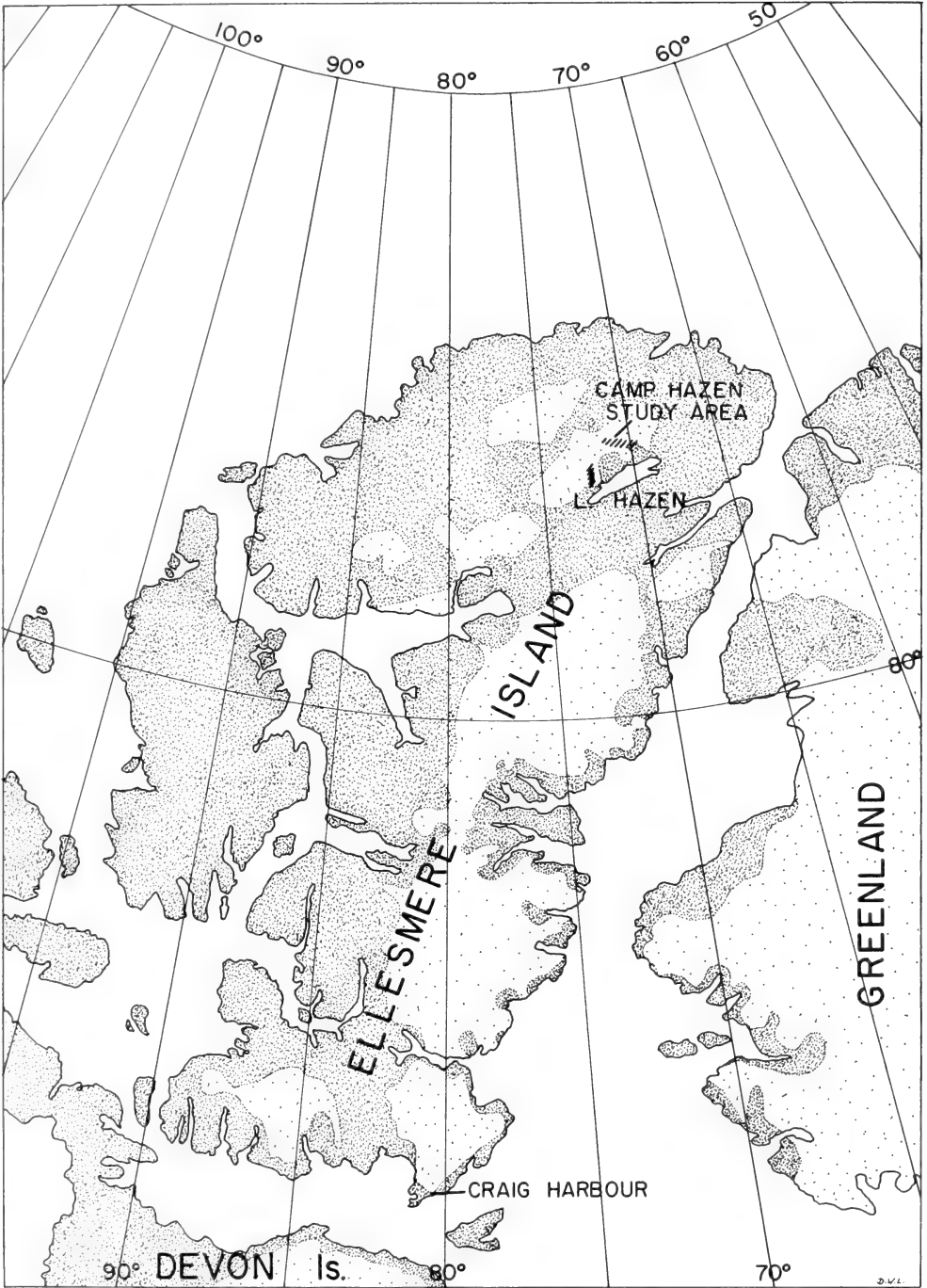
Relatively few novelties were found (nine), and these expressed mostly varietal or subvarietal deviations, tying together forms that had been seen by the author in Devon Island, Alaska or both. But other "high northern tendencies", repeatedly noted among desmids, were indicated in their variability of size and shape, few being perfectly symmetrical, and in their tendency toward a certain compactness. In the Ellesmere material, wide variability also appeared occasionally in other green algae, notably *Binuclearia tectorum* (Kütz.) Beger, and quite commonly among the blue-greens. For example *Nostoc* and *Anabaena* were very common and extremely variable. At first many species of each were identified tentatively, but the author's final conclusion, confirmed by Dr. Drouet, was that these were all mainly forms of one species each: *Nostoc commune* Vauch. and *Anabaena lapponica* Borge.

Type material of the novelties is deposited in the Phycology Section of the National Herbarium of Canada, National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa. Extensive pond-by-pond statistics of algae present are on file at the Entomology Research Institute of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Material in good condition is also still available in the author's own herbarium for anyone who would like to work up the diatoms.

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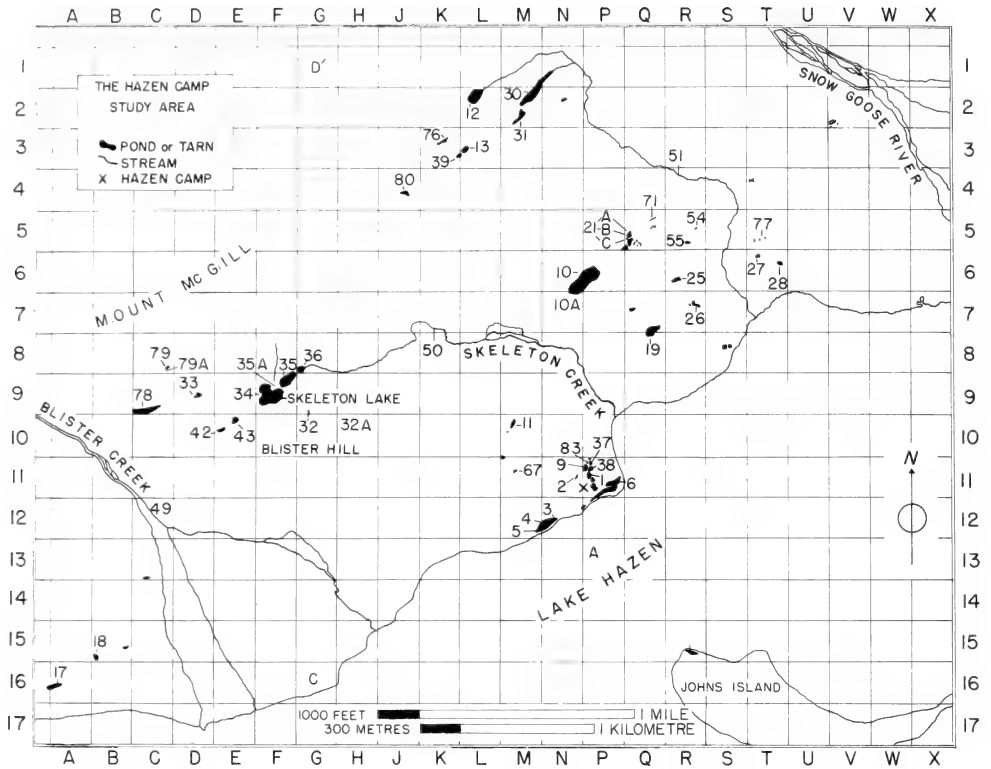
I am indebted to Dr. D. R. Oliver and Dr. P. S. Corbet of the Entomology Research Institute, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, for making available to me their collections of freshwater algae from Ellesmere Island. Thanks are also due to Dr. U. Røen and Dr. D.B.O. Savile for their part in the collecting, and to Dr. Francis Drouet, of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, for his help in the identification of some of the blue-greens.

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Map 1 Ellesmere Island

Taxonomy



Map 2. The Hazen Camp Study Area (Oliver and Corbet 1966).

Cyanophyta (Blue-green Algae)

Key to the genera found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells solitary or in colonies, never in filaments 2
 - 1 Cells in filaments, consisting usually of one or more trichomes enclosed in a sheath 5
 - 2 Cells in spheres or flat plates 3
 - 2 Cells solitary or in irregular colonies 4
 - 3 Cells compactly arranged in a hollow sphere *Gomphosphaeria*, 24
 - 3 Cells rather regularly arranged in plates *Agmenellum*, 23
 - 4 Cells before division longer than broad, dividing in a plane perpendicular to main axis *Coccochloris*, 18
 - 4 Cells before division spherical, dividing in 3 dimensions, often remaining in cuboidal packets *Anacystis*, 19
 - 5 Filaments neither branched nor tapering 6
 - 5 Filaments branched, tapering or both 11
 - 6 Cells rectangular, usually broader than long 7
 - 6 Cells bead-like or barrel-shaped, with occasional heterocysts 10
 - 7 With a layer of granules on each side of cross-walls *Microcoleus*, 28
 - 7 Cross-walls without granules 8
 - 8 Outer wall of end cell thickened, cells very short *Oscillatoria*, 27
 - 8 Outer wall of end cell not thickened, cells about as long as broad 9
 - 9 Filament not tapered *Schizothrix*, 24
 - 9 Filament tapered through several to many cells *Porphyrosiphon*, 25
 - 10 Filaments coiled or contorted in rather firm jelly balls *Nostoc*, 28
 - 10 Filaments straight or slightly curved, not encased in jelly *Anabaena*, 29
 - 11 Filaments branched but not tapering 12
 - 11 Filaments tapering strongly from a basal heterocyst 13
 - 12 Cells longer than broad, branches mainly in pairs *Scytonema*, 31
 - 12 Cells shorter than broad, branches mainly single *Tolypothrix*, 32
 - 13 Filaments many in cluster, usually lime-encrusted *Rivularia*, 33
 - 13 Filaments single or few together, not lime-encrusted *Calothrix*, 32
-

Chroococcales

COCCOCHLORIS Sprengel 1827**Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island**

- 1 Plants 1-2-celled, 14-32 μ diameter *C. aeruginosa*
 1 Plants more than 2-celled, less than 6 μ
 diameter 2
 2 Cells 1-2 μ diameter, 2 to 4 times as
 long *C. peniocystis*
 2 Cells 3-6 μ diameter, 1 to 2 times as
 long *C. stagnina*

Coccochloris aeruginosa Drouet and Daily (including *Synechococcus aeruginosus* Nägeli and *S. major* Schröter) Plate I, figs. 1-6

Habitat

In squeezings from moss, and on bottom of permanent and semipermanent ponds and a tarn. August.

Cells (not including sheath) 14-32 μ \times 20-52 μ (1.2-2 \times). Cells large, blue-green or olive green, single or in pairs after division; mucilaginous sheath usually thin or absent.

Stations

13-rr, 28-r, 32-cc.

Coccochloris stagnina Spreng. (including *Aphanothece stagnina* A. Braun) Plate I, fig. 7

Habitat

In tarns, all sizes of ponds and a creek, principally on the bottom and in squeezings from mosses at the edge. June, July, August.

Cells 3-6 μ \times 4.5-8 μ (1.2-2.3 \times), colonies 17-240 μ \times 21-300 μ .

Habitat

In all situations in tarns, all sizes of ponds and in creeks. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 4-r, 9-o, 10-cc, 12-o, 13-o, 18-r, 21A-r, 26-c, 28-o, 30-c, 31-r, 33-r, 34-r, 35-r, 35A-r, 36-r, 39-r, 42-cc, 50-r, 55-o, 79-r, 83-r.

Stations

1-o, 4-r, 9-c, 10-c, 13-rr, 17-rr, 19-o, 21A-r, 27-r, 31-r, 32-r, 33-r, 34-r, 35-o, 36-r, 37-o, 38-r, 39-o, 43-r, 50-cc, 55-r, 76-r, 77-r, 79-c.

Coccochloris peniocystis Drouet and Daily (including *Aphanothece saxicola* Näg.) Plate I, fig. 8

Cells 1.5-2 μ \times 5-7 μ (3.3-4.7 \times), loosely and irregularly distributed in irregularly-shaped colonies.

 ANACYSTIS Meneghini 1837

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Cells with pseudovacuoles, often in lobed or clathrate colonies | <i>A. cyanea</i> |
| 1 Cells without pseudovacuoles (cell contents granular or homogeneous), in small groups or \pm spherical colonies | 2 |
| 2 Cells more than $6\ \mu$ in diameter | 3 |
| 2 Cells less than $6\ \mu$ in diameter | 4 |
| 3 Cells to $31\ \mu$ in diameter, usually remaining angular after division | <i>A. dimidiata</i> |
| 3 Cells to $12\ \mu$ in diameter, soon becoming spherical after division | <i>A. thermalis</i> |
| 4 Cells $3\text{--}5\ \mu$ in diameter | <i>A. montana</i> |
| 4 Cells $1\text{--}2\ \mu$ in diameter | <i>A. marina</i> |

Anacystis cyanea Drouet and Daily (including *Microcystis aeruginosa* Kützing and *M. flos-aquae* Kirchner) Plate I, figs. 9, 10

Cells $2.5\text{--}5\ \mu$ in diameter, pseudovacuoles sometimes evident. Cells subspherical, irregularly and closely disposed throughout the mucilage in globose to irregular and clathrate colonies.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss, in open water and on bottom of temporary and permanent ponds and a tarn. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 9-c, 13-o, 21A-r, 30-r, 31-r, 37-o, 83-r.

Anacystis dimidiata Drouet and Daily (including *Chroococcus turgidus* (Kütz.) Näg.) Plate II, figs. 1-5

Cells $6\text{--}31\ \mu$ in diameter, colonies $12\text{--}75\ \mu \times 20\text{--}100\ \mu$. Cells in packets

of 2 to 16, truncate-hemispherical, surrounded by a colourless sheath, often slightly lamellate.

Habitat

In all situations in tarns and in all sizes of ponds; very common. June, July, August.

Stations

1-cc, 4-r, 6-c, 9-c, 10-c, 12-c, 13-r, 17-r, 18-o, 21A-o, 21C-o, 28-o, 30-cc, 31-o, 32A-r, 33-o, 34-c, 35-r, 36-r, 37-c, 38-o, 39-r, 42-cc, 43-r, 55-o, 76-r, 78-o, 79A-o.

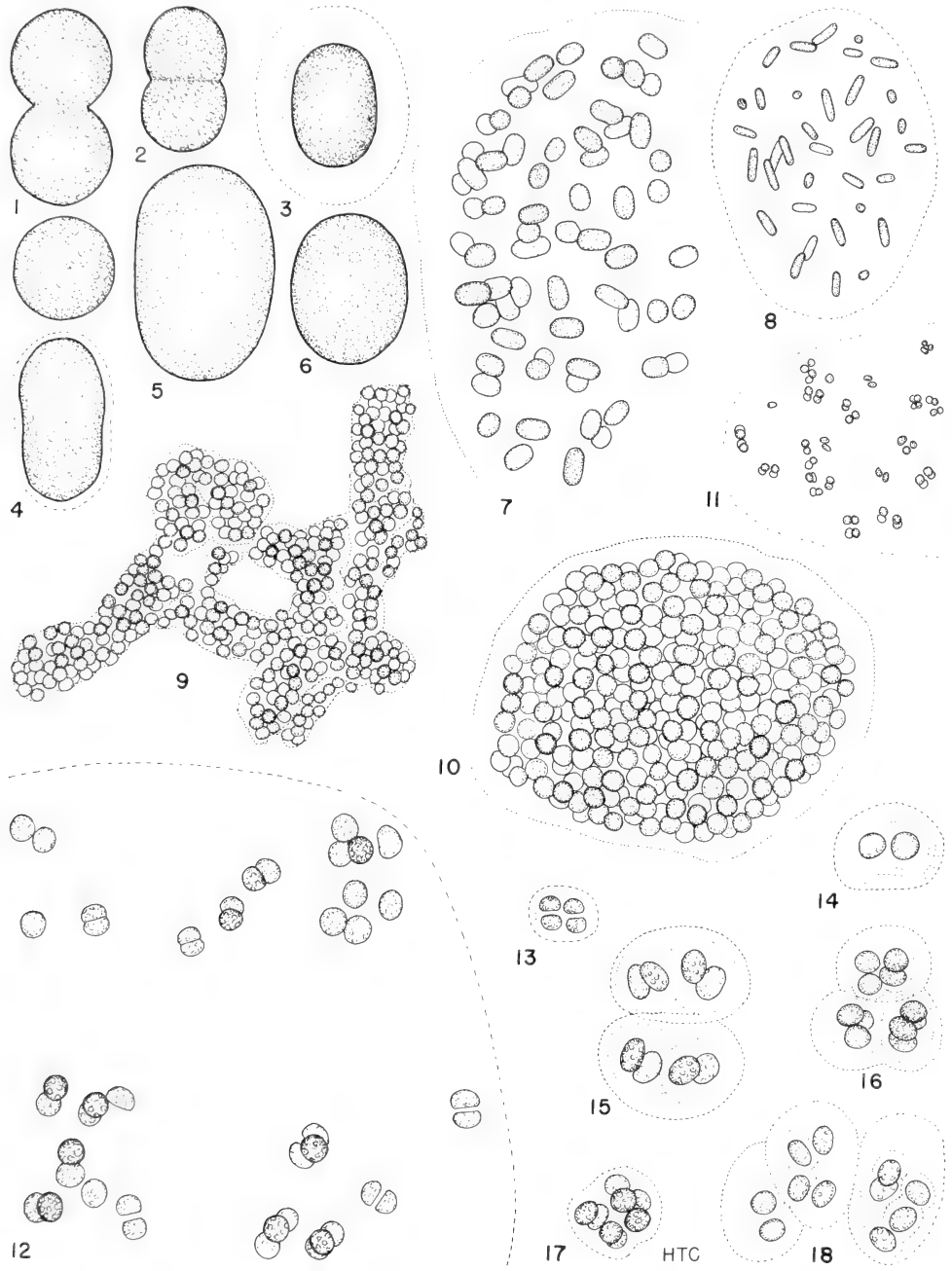
Anacystis marina Drouet and Daily (including *Aphanothece nidulans* Richter) Plate I, fig. 11

Cells $1\text{--}1.5\ \mu \times 2\ \mu$, very small, without pseudovacuoles, distributed irregularly or in groups of 4 in colonial mucilage.

Habitat

Growing with *Coccochloris penio-*

Plate I



cystis Drouet and Daily, on bottom of a semipermanent pond. August.

Station

32-cc.

Anacystis montana (Lightfoot) Drouet and Daily (including many *Gloeo-capsa* species)

Plate I, figs. 12-18

Cells 3-5 μ \times 3-7 μ (1-1.5 \times), colonies 9-13 μ \times 60-65 μ . Cells rather irregularly disposed in small or large colonies, individual sheaths sometimes distinct and sometimes lamellate.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, in bottom material and in open water in tarns, all sizes of ponds and a ditch. July, August.

Stations

9-cc, 10-r, 12-r, 13-r, 17-r, 18-r, 19-r, 27-r, 30-o, 32-r, 33-cc, 36-r, 37-r, 39-o, 43-r, 55-o, 67-r, 71-r.

Anacystis thermalis (Menegh.) Drouet and Daily f. *thermalis* (including *Chroococcus minutus* (Kütz.) Näg.)

Plate II, figs. 6-9

Cells 6-12 μ in diameter, colonies 12-39 μ \times 19-56 μ . Colonies 1-8-

celled, sheaths thin and often lamellate, cells becoming spherical soon after division.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, also in bottom material and open water in tarns, all sizes of ponds, a creek and a ditch. June, July, August.

Stations

1-o, 4-r, 5-r, 9-c, 10-c, 11-r, 12-c, 13-c, 17-rr, 18-r, 19-r, 21A-c, 25-r, 27-r, 28-r, 31-r, 34-r, 35-o, 37-r, 39-o, 42-c, 43-r, 50-r, 76-r, 77-r, 79-r, 79A-r, 83-r.

Anacystis thermalis (Menegh.) Drouet and Daily f. *major* (Lagerheim) Drouet and Daily (including *Chroococcus limneticus* Lemmermann)

Plate II, figs. 10, 11

Cells 5-7 μ in diameter; colonies 20-60 μ \times 24-70 μ , 8-128-celled. Cells in a \pm cubical arrangement in homogeneous mucilage.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, also in open water of temporary and permanent ponds and a tarn. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 9-o, 13-c, 30-r, 39-r.

Plate I (all \times 730)

Figure

1-6
COCCOCHLORIS AERUGINOSA Drouet and Daily, 18

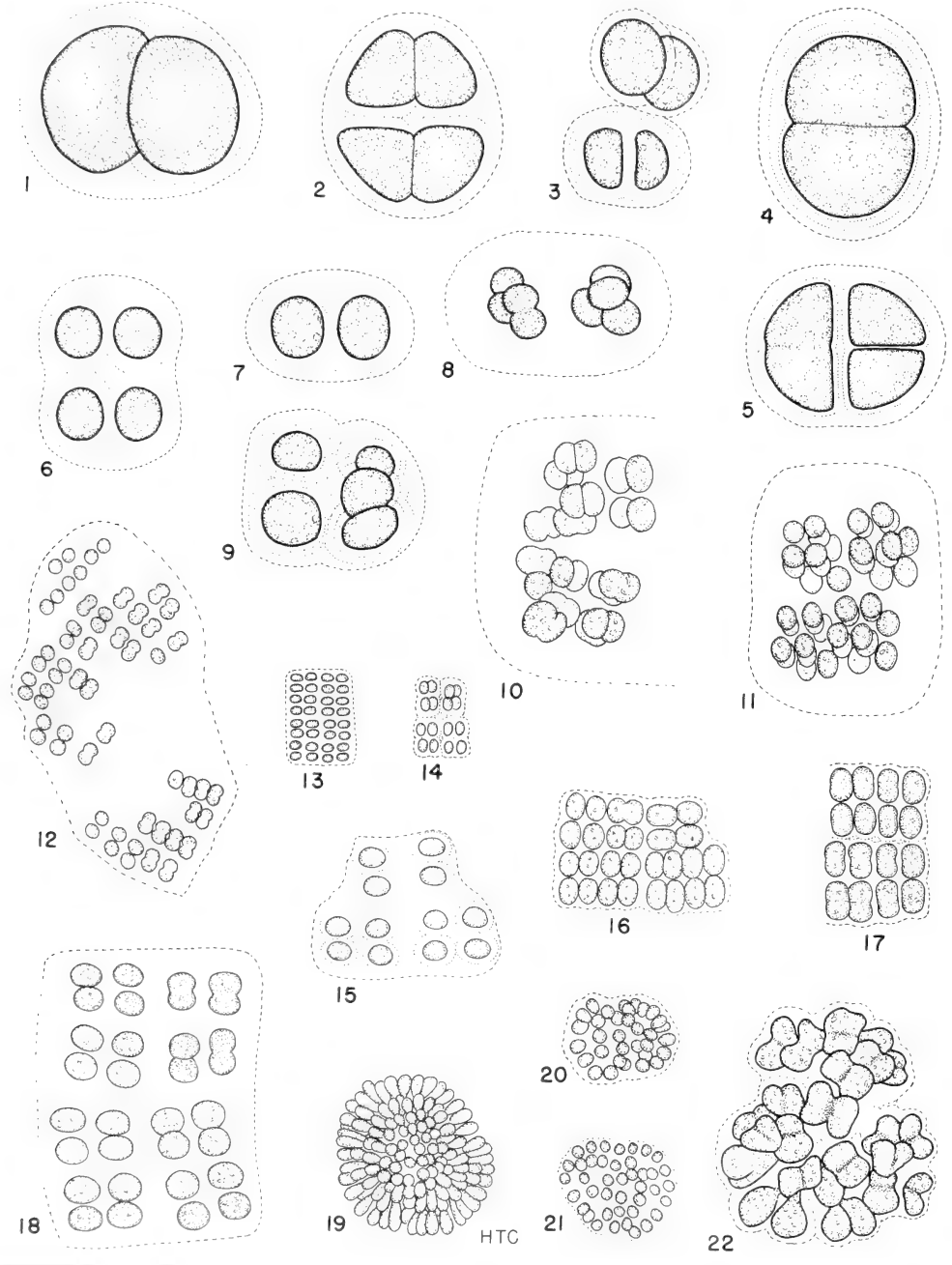
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COCCOCHLORIS STAGNINA Spreng., 18

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COCCOCHLORIS PENIOCYSTIS Drouet and Daily, 18

9, 10
ANACYSTIS CYANEA Drouet and Daily, 19

11
ANACYSTIS MARINA Drouet and Daily, 19

12-18
ANACYSTIS MONTANA (Lightf.) Drouet and Daily, 21



 AGMENELLUM de Brébisson 1839

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells 1-3 μ in diameter *A. quadruplicatum*
 1 Cells 4-6 μ in diameter *A. thermale*

Agmenellum quadruplicatum Bréb. (including *Merismopedia tenuissima* Lemmerm.)

Plate II, figs. 12-14

Cells 1-3 μ in diameter, colonies 9-40 μ \times 15-60 μ . Cells fairly regularly disposed in rows in 2 dimensions in a flat plate.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and on bottom and in open water of tarns and all sizes of ponds. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 3-r, 4-r, 5-r, 9-r, 10-r, 12-c, 13-cc, 17-r, 18-c, 19-r, 21A-r, 21B-r, 28-o, 30-o, 31-r, 32-rr, 33-r, 34-o, 38-r, 42-rr, 78-c, 79-r.

Agmenellum thermale (Kütz.) Drouet and Daily (including *Merismopedia glauca* (Ehrenberg) Kütz.)

Plate II, figs. 15-18

Cells 4-6 μ in diameter, colonies 13-35 μ \times 29-53 μ . In the Ellesmere material the cells are more rounded and often less regularly disposed than in *A. quadruplicatum*.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, on bottom and in open water of tarns and all sizes of ponds. July, August.

Stations

1-o, 4-r, 5-r, 9-c, 12-r, 13-o, 30-r, 31-o, 34-o, 35-r, 37-c, 38-o, 39-o, 42-c, 78-r, 79-r.

Plate II (all \times 730)
Figure

1-5
ANACYSTIS DIMIDIATA
Drouet and Daily, 19

6-9
ANACYSTIS THERMALIS
(Menegh.) Drouet and Daily
f. *THERMALIS*, 21

10, 11
ANACYSTIS THERMALIS
(Menegh.) Drouet and Daily
f. *MAJOR* (Lagerh.) Drouet and
Daily, 21

12-14
AGMENELLUM QUADRUPLI-
CATUM Bréb., 23

15-18
AGMENELLUM THERMALE
(Kütz.) Drouet and Daily, 23

19-21
GOMPHOSPHAERIA LACUS-
TRIS Chod., 24

22
GOMPHOSPHAERIA APONI-
NA Kütz., 24

GOMPHOSPHAERIA Kützing 1836
Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells cordate, usually intensely blue-green,
4.5-8.5 μ in diameter *G. aponina*
- 1 Cells round or ovoid, pale blue-green, 2-3 μ
in diameter *G. lacustris*

Gomphosphaeria aponina Kütz.
Plate II, fig. 22

Cells (3) 4.5-8.5 μ \times 5-10 μ , colonies 30-60 μ \times 36-80 μ . Cells very bright blue-green, somewhat heart-shaped, disposed in an irregular sphere.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, on bottom and in open water, also on shore of tarns and mostly permanent ponds. June, July, August.

Stations

1-c, 5-o, 10-r, 12-o, 13-c, 17-rr, 18-o, 19-r, 21A-r, 27-r, 28-o, 30-cc, 31-o, 33-c, 34-o, 36-r, 39-c, 42-o, 78-rr, 79-r, C-r.

Gomphosphaeria lacustris Chodat
(including *Coelosphaerium naegelianum* Unger and *C. collinsii* Drouet and Daily)
Plate II, figs. 19-21

Cells 2-3 μ \times 2-5 μ , colonies 17-33 μ \times 22-45 μ . Cells pale blue-green, without pseudovacuoles, round or ovoid, in \pm spherical colonies.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, on bottom, in open water, and on shore of tarns and mostly permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

1-c, 4-c, 5-c, 9-r, 10-r, 13-c, 17-o, 18-o, 19-r, 21A-c, 28-r, 30-c, 31-o, 32-r, 33-c, 34-o, 35-r, 36-r, 39-cc, 78-rr, 79-r.

Hormogonales

SCHIZOTHRIX Kützing 1843
Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Trichomes less than 4 μ broad *S. calcicola*
- 1 Trichomes 4 μ or more broad *S. mexicana*

Schizothrix calcicola (Agardh) Gomon
Plate III, figs. 1-4
Trichomes 1-3.5 μ broad, cells 1-5.4 μ

long. Trichomes without granules at cross-walls and without thickening of outer wall of end cell, not tapered at tips except in the end cell.

Habitat

In all situations in tarns and all sizes of ponds, also in creeks and ditches. June, July, August.

Stations

1-r, 9-c, 12-o, 17-rr, 18-c, 19-c, 21C-r, 25-o, 27-r, 30-c, 32-r, 32A-r, 34-r, 35-r, 39-r, 42-c, 49A-r, 50-r, 55-r, 76-r, 77-r, 80-r, F-r.

Schizothrix mexicana Gom.

Plate III, figs. 5-7

Trichomes 4-13 μ broad, cells 1-8 μ long. Trichomes without granules at

cross-walls, without thickening of outer wall of end cell, not tapered at tips except in the end cell.

Habitat

In every situation in tarns and all sizes of ponds, also in creeks and seepage areas. June, July, August.

Stations

6-r, 12-o, 13-r, 17-r, 21A-o, 27-c, 28-r, 34-r, 35-o, 35A-r, 36-r, 38-r, 39-o, 49-cc, 49A-c, 50-r, 71-c, 78-o, 79-r, 79A-o, C-r, D-r.

PORPHYROSIPHON Kützing 1850

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Trichomes more than 4 μ broad, end cell rotund to acute-conical, a little longer than broad *P. notarisii*
- 1 Trichomes less than 4 μ broad, end cell bulbous at tip, several times as long as broad *P. splendidus*

Porphyrosiphon notarisii (Menegh.) Kütz.
Plate III, figs. 8-11

Trichomes 4.5-5 μ broad, apex c. 2 μ broad, cells 2.5 μ long. Trichomes tapering, bent at end, terminal cell hemispherical, without thickening of outer wall.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds. July.

Stations

33-r, 39-r.

Porphyrosiphon splendidus (Greville) Drouet
Plate III, figs. 12-14

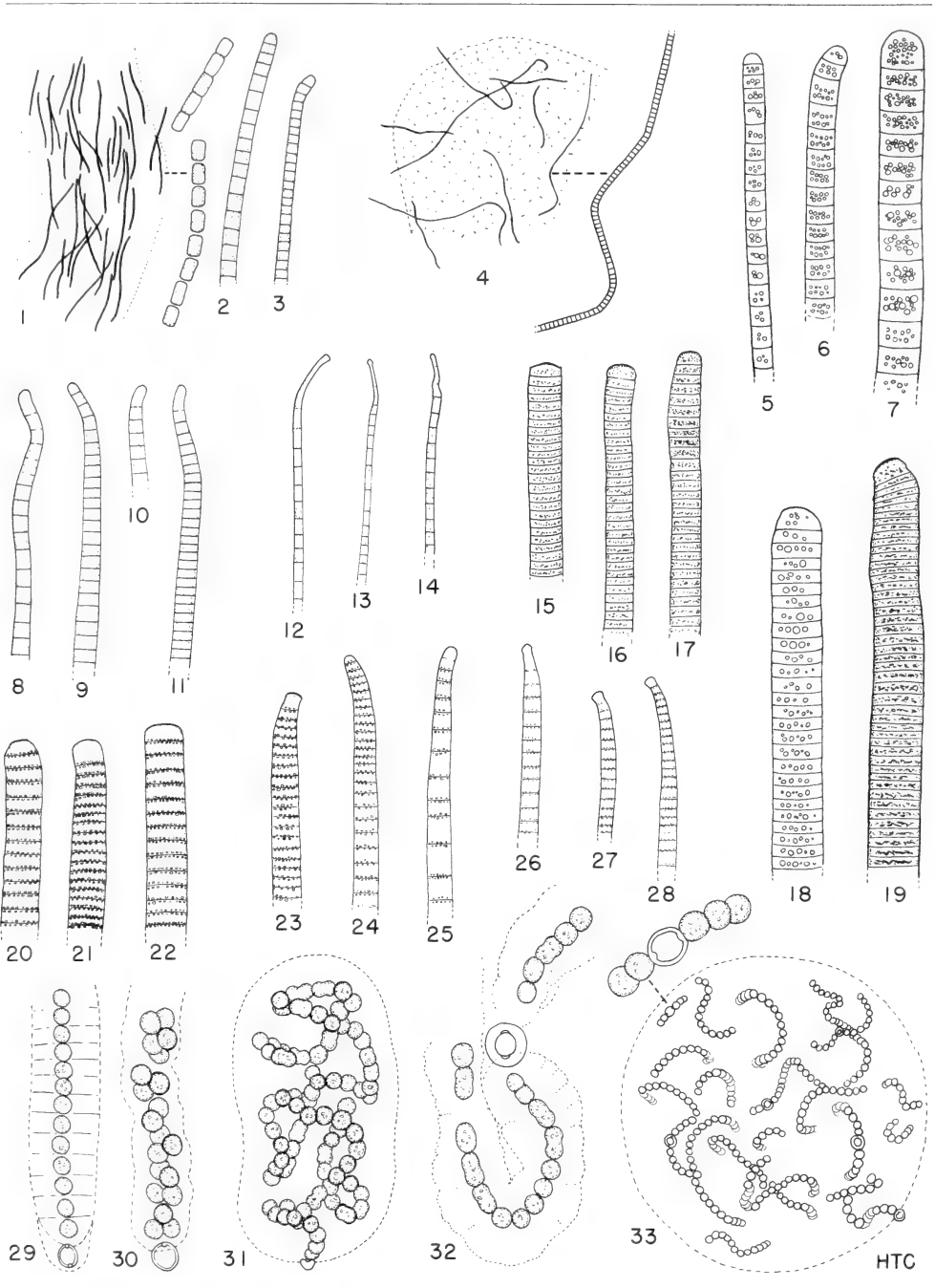
Trichomes 1-4 μ broad, cells 1-6 μ long. Trichomes narrow, tapering rather strongly, often bent; terminal cell long, bulbous or bulbous-conical at tip.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of a tarn and mostly permanent ponds, rarely from bottom, once in a creek. July, August.

Stations

1-o, 18-rr, 21C-r, 28-r, 36-r, 37-rr, 39-o, 49-c, 55-r, 78-o.



OSCILLATORIA Vaucher 1803

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Trichomes 11 μ or more broad, tapered at tip, cells very short *O. princeps*
- 1 Trichomes 10 μ or less broad, not tapered at tip 2
 - 2 Cells mostly shorter than broad *O. lutea*
 - 2 Cells as long as broad or longer *O. retzii*

Oscillatoria lutea Agardh
Plate III, figs. 15-17

Oscillatoria princeps Vauch.
Plate III, figs. 18, 19

Trichomes 6-9 μ broad, cells 1.7-4 μ long. Trichomes not tapered, outer wall of end cell thickened, cells usually much shorter than broad.

Trichomes 11-12 μ broad, cells 2.5-3 μ long. Trichomes tapering at apex, outer wall of terminal cell thickened, cells very short.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss, from bottom material and open water of tarns and mostly permanent ponds. June, July, August.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of a tarn and mostly permanent ponds. August.

Stations

1-o, 4-c, 12-o, 18-c, 27-r, 28-c, 30-c.

Stations

3-r, 13-o, 35-r.

Plate III

Figure

1-4
SCHIZOTHRIX CALCICOLA
(Agardh) Gom. (1,4 \times 110,
 \times 640; 2,3 \times 640), 24

5-7
SCHIZOTHRIX MEXICANA
Gom. (\times 640), 25

8-11
PORPHYROSIPHON NOTARISII
(Menegh.) Kütz. (\times 640), 25

12-14
PORPHYROSIPHON SPLENDI-
DUS (Grev.) Drouet (\times 640), 25

15-17
OSCILLATORIA LUTEA
Agardh (\times 640), 27

18, 19
OSCILLATORIA PRINCEPS
Vauch. (\times 640), 27

20-22
MICROCOLEUS IRRIGUUS
(Kütz.) Drouet (\times 640), 28

23-28
MICROCOLEUS VAGINATUS
(Vauch.) Gom. (\times 640), 28

29-33
NOSTOC COMMUNE Vauch.
(29-32 \times 640, 33 \times 215), 28

Oscillatoria retzii Agardh

Trichomes 2.5-10 μ broad, cells 5-15 μ long, outer wall of end cell thickened, cells generally quadrate or longer than broad.

Habitat

Forming a scum on earth and in fresh water. September.

Station

E-cc (Whelden 1947: 29, as *Phormidium retzii* (Agardh) Gom.).

MICROCOLEUS Desmazières 1823

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Trichomes not tapered, end cell broadly rounded *M. irriguus*
- 1 Trichomes tapered through several cells, end cell often conical *M. vaginatus*

Microcoleus irriguus (Kütz.) Drouet
Plate III, figs. 20-22

Trichomes 7-8.5 μ broad, cells c. 3 μ long. Trichomes not tapered, straight or only slightly bent at apex, their cross-walls lined with granules, their end cells rounded with outer wall sometimes thickened.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss in a tarn, and "on stones now dry". July, September.

Stations

36-c, E-c (Whelden 1947 28, as *Oscillatoria tenuis* Agardh).

Microcoleus vaginatus (Vauch.) Gom.
Plate III, figs. 23-28

Trichomes 3-6 μ broad, 2-3 μ broad at apex, cells 1.8-6 μ long. Trichomes conspicuously tapered and usually slightly bent at apex, their cross-walls lined with small to large granules, their terminal cells sometimes capitate.

Habitat

In open water and on bottom of mostly temporary ponds and a stream, also in moss squeezings from seepage area. July, August.

Stations

2-r, 27-r, 35A-r, 37-r, 49A-r, 78-r.

NOSTOC Vaucher 1803

Nostoc commune Vauch.
Plate III, figs. 29-33

Cells 2.5-7.5 $\mu \times 2.5-7 \mu$, heterocysts 4-9 $\mu \times 4-10 \mu$, in microscopic and macroscopic colonies. Macroscopic colonies appeared as solid or

hollow spheres, commonly the size of a pea or a marble, but sometimes larger, sometimes lime-encrusted, sometimes broken open into irregular sheets, usually olive green or yellowish brown. Microscopic colonies showed a firm jelly, often brownish,

sometimes stratified, containing curled or contorted trichomes, made up mostly of spherical cells, with occasional larger heterocysts. Spores not seen.

The exceedingly variable material keyed with uncertainty to many different species, which seemed to intergrade. Samples were sent to Dr. Drouet, who said that all the material sent to him belonged to the one species: *N. commune*. He added that in their time the authorities Bornet and Flahault (1888) would have said that all the round ones were *N. prunifforme*; some had been so identified by him in earlier collections but he preferred now to consider them all *N. commune*.

Habitat

In all situations, in tarns, all sizes of ponds and in creeks, also on moist soil; one of the commonest blue-greens in the collections, and everywhere in the North. June, July, August.

Stations

1-cc, 2-r, 3-o, 4-r, 5-r, 6-c, 9-r, 10-cc, 12-c, 13-c, 17-cc, 18-cc, 19-c, 21A-c, 21B-c, 21C-c, 25-r, 26-r, 27-cc, 28-cc, 30-c, 31-o, 32-o, 32A-r, 33-c, 34-cc, 35-r, 35A-r, 36-r, 37-o, 38-cc, 39-c, 42-r, 43-r, 49A-r, 50-o, 50A-r, 67-r, 71-r, 76-r, 77-r, 78-c, 79-r, 79A-o, 80-c, A-r, F-r.

ANABAENA Bory 1822

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Trichomes 6 μ or more broad, spores not adjacent to heterocysts *A. affinis*
- 1 Trichomes 5 μ or less broad, spores commonly on either side of heterocysts *A. lapponica*

Anabaena affinis Lemmerm.
Plate IV, figs. 1, 2

Vegetative cells 4-6 μ \times 5-6 μ , heterocysts 6 μ \times 5-6 μ , spores 8-9 μ \times 9-14 μ . Trichomes solitary, straight or slightly curved, usually surrounded by a thin sheath. Cells and heterocysts mostly globose; spores rarely globose, commonly short-cylindrical, remote from the heterocysts.

Habitat

With other algae among mosses at edge of tarns and a temporary pond. July, August.

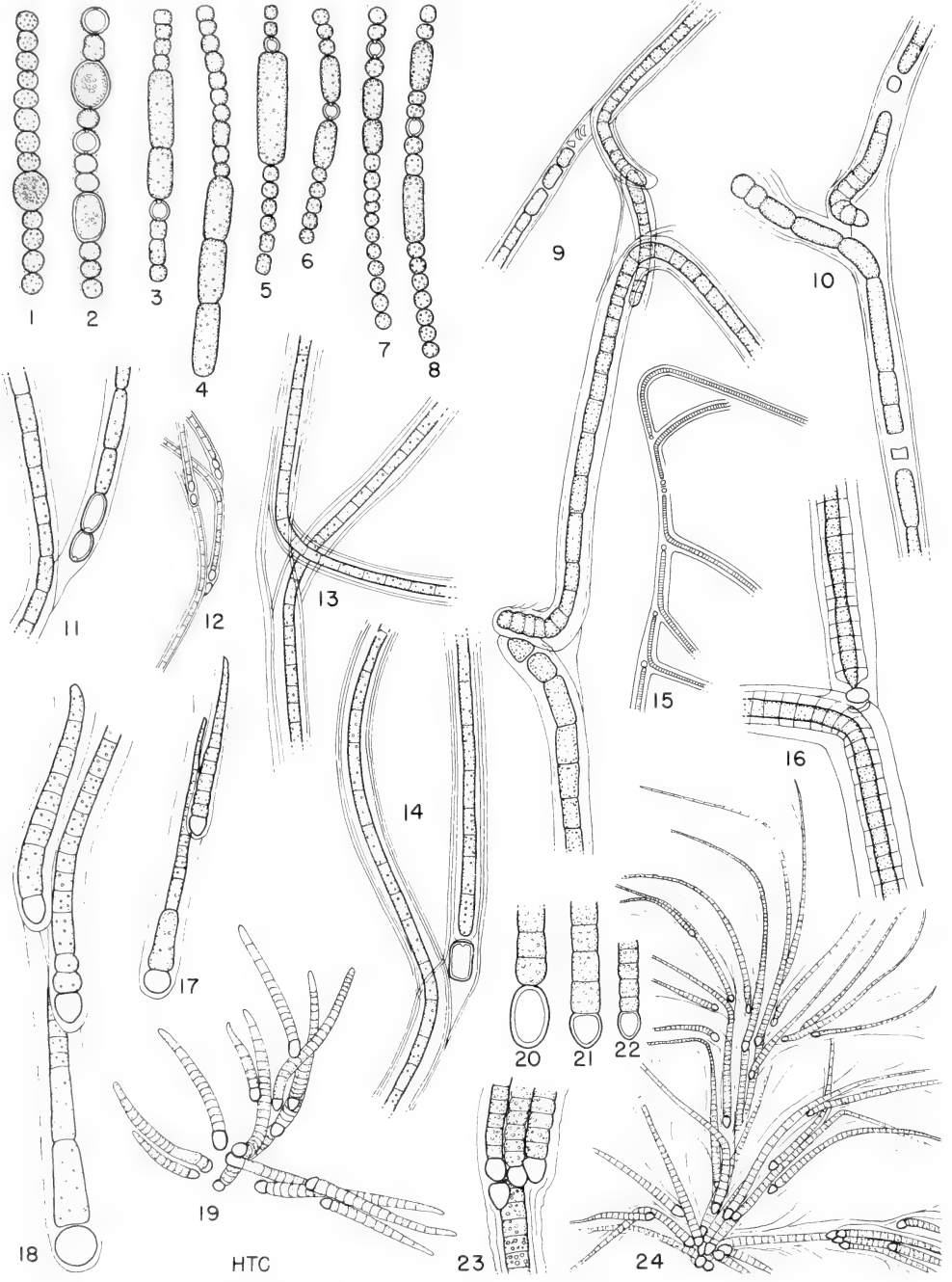
Stations

6-rr, 12-rr, 34-r.

Anabaena lapponica Borge morpha
Plate IV, figs. 3-8

Vegetative cells 3-5 μ \times 2.5-5 μ , heterocysts 3-5 μ \times 3-7 μ , spores 3.5-6 μ \times 6-17 (27) μ . Trichomes solitary, straight or slightly curved, without a sheath; cells spherical to short-cylindrical; heterocysts spherical; spores cylindrical, usually on one or both sides of heterocysts, occasionally remote. The Ellesmere form is smaller than Borge's and more

Plate IV



HTC

variable, but seems to fit this species better than any other. Dr. Drouet confirmed this identification in the samples sent to him.

Habitat

In all situations, but mostly from squeezings from moss in seepage area and edge of tarns and all sizes of ponds; very common. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 4-o, 5-o, 6-r, 9-r, 10-cc, 12-r,

13-c, 18-rr, 19-r, 21A-o, 25-r, 27-r, 28-r, 30-r, 32-r, 32A-r, 34-c, 35-r, 35A-r, 36-r, 38-c, 39-r, 43-c, 49-r, 50-r, 55-r, 76-r, 83-o, C-r.

Anabaena spp. (not fruiting, in most cases probably *A. lapponica*)

Stations

2-r, 3-r, 4-r, 5-r, 6-rr, 10-r, 13-o, 17-o, 18-r, 19-cc, 21A-cc, 21B-cc, 21C-cc, 27-o, 28-c, 30-r, 31-o, 34-c, 35-r, 36-r, 37-r, 39-c, 49A-r, 50-r, 78-r, 79-r, 79A-rr, 80-r.

SCYTONEMA C.A.Agardh 1824

Scytonema figuratum Agardh (including *S. mirabile* (Dillwyn) Bornet) Plate IV, figs. 9-14

Filaments 7-18 μ broad, trichomes 3.5-8 μ broad, cells longer than broad. Filaments flexuous, much branched, with both single and paired false branches; sheaths lamellate, the lamellations sometimes slightly divergent. The Ellesmere plants were exceedingly variable and

included forms that, in part of the filament, would easily key out to *Tolypothrix tenuis* Kütz.

Habitat

Generally distributed throughout tarns and all sizes of ponds. June, July, August.

Stations

1-cc, 9-o, 10-o, 11-r, 18-o, 19-o, 27-r, 30-cc, 39-r, 80-c.

Plate IV

Figure

1,2
ANABAENA AFFINIS
Lemmerm. ($\times 550$), 29

3-8
ANABAENA LAPPONICA
Borge morpha ($\times 550$), 29

9-14
SCYTONEMA FIGURATUM
Agardh (9-11, 13, 14 $\times 370$,
12 $\times 185$), 31

15,16
TOLYPOTHRIX DISTORTA
Kütz. (15 $\times 185$, 16 $\times 370$),
32

17-19
CALOTHRIX STAGNALIS
Gom. (17 $\times 370$, 18 $\times 550$,
19 $\times 185$), 32

20-24
RIVULARIA HAEMATITES
(de Cand.) Agardh (20-23
 $\times 550$, 24 $\times 185$), 33

TOLYPOTHRIX Kützing 1843

Tolypothrix distorta Kütz.
Plate IV, figs. 15, 16

Filaments 10-20 μ broad, trichomes 7-9 μ broad, cells averaging 4-5 μ long. Filaments with mostly single false branches arising from just below a heterocyst, sheaths somewhat thickened, mature cells shorter than broad.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of temporary pond, and in open water of a creek. July.

Stations

37-r, 50-rr.

CALOTHRIX C.A. Agardh 1824

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Akinetes present, cells shorter than long near base, longer than broad above, sheaths thin *C. stagnalis*
- 1 Akinetes absent, cells mostly very short, sheaths thick *C. parietina*

Calothrix parietina (Näg.) Thuret

Filaments 10-12 μ broad, trichomes 5-10 μ broad and without terminal hairs, heterocysts 6-10 μ broad, cells 2.5-3 μ long, sheath firm and relatively thick. Filaments solitary or in clusters, much twisted and contorted.

Habitat

Attached to *Nostoc* balls. June.

Stations

50-r, F-r.

to other algae, often sharply bent, tapering strongly from a basal heterocyst and spore.

Habitat

In a little bay on northwest shore of a tarn. August.

Station

10-r.

Calothrix stagnalis Gom.

Plate IV, figs. 17-19

Filaments 10-15 μ broad, trichomes 4-7.5 μ broad and without terminal hairs, heterocysts 5-9 μ \times 7-10 μ , akinetes 9-10 μ \times 20-22 μ . Filaments attached singly or in small clusters

RIVULARIA (Roth) C.A. Agardh 1824

Rivularia haematites (de Candolle)
Agardh
Plate IV, figs. 20-24

Filaments 10-26 μ broad, trichomes
5-8 μ broad near base, heterocysts
5-10 μ \times 5-20 μ , terminal hairs
c. 2.5 μ broad. Filaments closely dis-
posed in microscopic to macroscopic
lime-encrusted colonies, the false
branches often arising in zones;

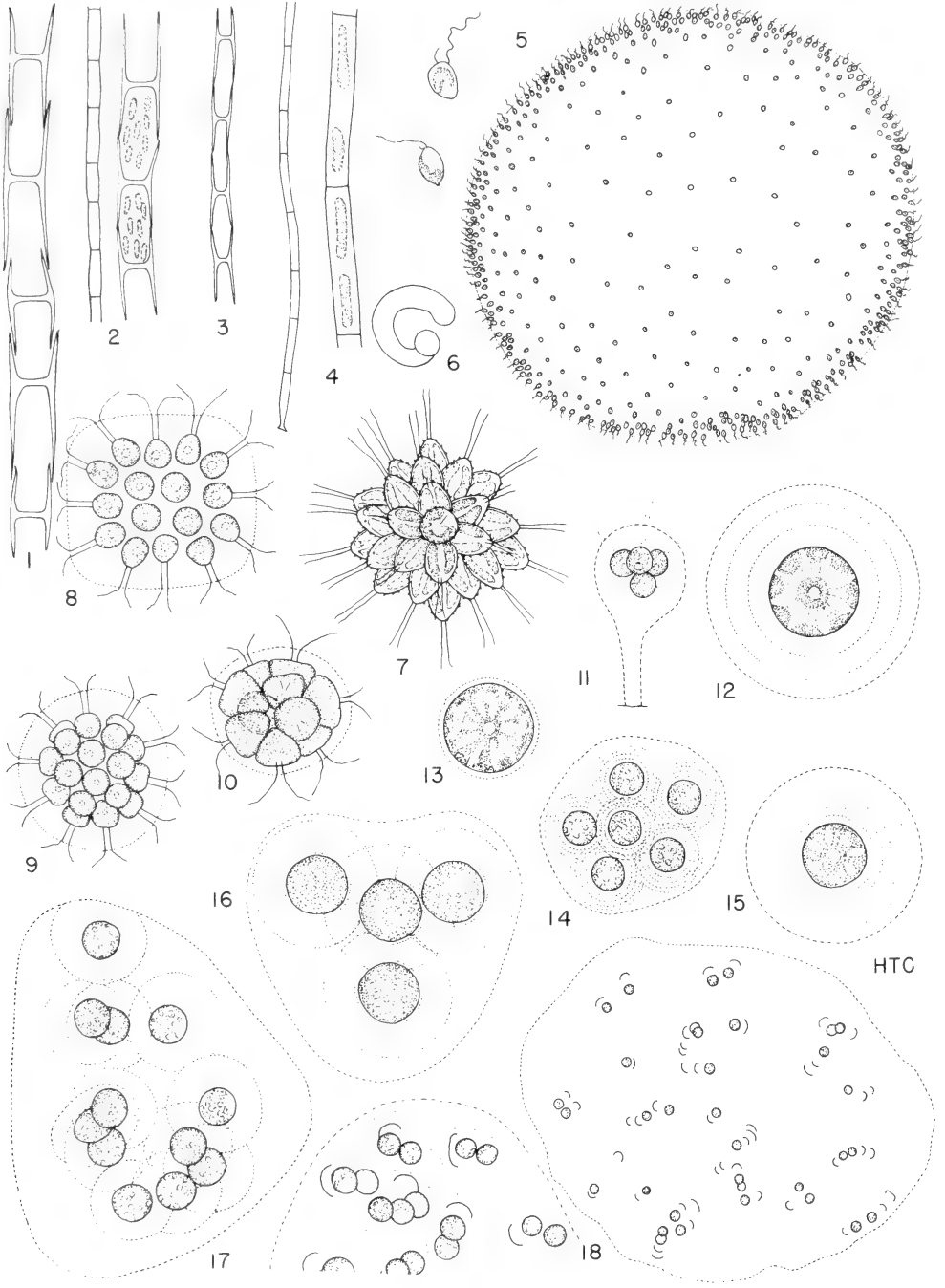
sheaths expanding to funnel-shape
above.

Habitat

In tarns and mostly permanent
ponds, usually on bottom with *Nostoc*,
but found twice in squeezings from
moss at edge. June, July.

Stations

1-r, 12-rr, 17-r, 19-c, 30-r, 35-r,
78-cc, 80-c.



Chrysophyta (Yellow-green Algae)

Key to the genera found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells solitary, or in loose clusters *Ophiocytium*, 35
- 1 Cells united into colonies or filaments 2
 - 2 Cells in filaments *Tribonema*, 36
 - 2 Cells in \pm spherical motile colonies 3
- 3 Colonies composed of less than 100 cells, compactly arranged; cell wall scaly *Synura*, 37
- 3 Cells composed of more than 100 cells, at periphery of very fragile sphere; walls smooth *Uroglena*, 37

Xanthophyceae

OPHIOCYTIUM Nägeli 1849

Ophiocytium parvulum (Perty) A. Braun
Plate V, fig. 6

Habitat
Free floating, with other algae. June, August.

Cells 4 μ broad, cylindrical, curved, rounded at the ends.

Stations
34-r, B-cc.

Plate V

Figure

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|--|---|---|
| 1
<i>TRIBONEMA UTRICULOSUM</i>
(Kütz.) Hazen ($\times 640$), 36 | 5
<i>UROGLENA AMERICANA</i>
Calk. ($\times 105, \times 640$), 37 | 10
<i>PANDORINA MORUM</i> (Müll.)
Bory ($\times 425$), 42 |
| 2
<i>TRIBONEMA BOMBYCINUM</i>
(Agardh) Derbès and Solier
var. <i>BOMBYCINUM</i> ($\times 640$),
36 | 6
<i>OPHIOCYTIUM PARVULUM</i>
(Perty) A. Braun ($\times 640$), 35 | 11
<i>APIOCYSTIS BRAUNIANA</i>
Näg. ($\times 425$), 43 |
| 3
<i>TRIBONEMA BOMBYCINUM</i>
(Agardh) Derbès and Solier
var. <i>TENUIS</i> Hazen ($\times 640$), 36 | 7
<i>SYNURA UVELLA</i> Ehrenb.
($\times 425$), 37 | 12-15
<i>ASTEROCOCCUS SUPERBUS</i>
(Cienk.) Scherf. ($\times 425$), 43 |
| 4
<i>TRIBONEMA AFFINE</i>
G.S. West ($\times 210, \times 640$), 36 | 8
<i>GONIUM PECTORALE</i> Müll.
($\times 425$), 42 | 16,17
<i>GLOEOCYSTIS PLANCTONICA</i>
(West and West) Lemmerm.
($\times 425$), 43 |
| | 9
<i>EUDORINA ELEGANS</i> Ehrenb.
($\times 425$), 43 | 18
<i>SCHIZOCHLAMYS GELATINO-</i>
<i>SA</i> A. Braun ($\times 215, \times 425$), 44 |

TRIBONEMA Derbès and Solier 1856

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells with 2 chromatophores, H-shape of cell wall not noticeable *T. affine*
- 1 Cells with 4 or more chromatophores, H-shape often evident 2
 - 2 Average cell length more than 25 μ , wall thick, H-shape evident *T. utriculosum*
 - 2 Average cell length less than 25 μ , wall thin, H-shape often not evident *T. bombycinum*

Tribonema affine G.S. West
Plate V, fig. 4

Cells 5 μ \times 30-36 μ , long and thin with 2 chromatophores; H-shaped wall structure not noticeable.

Habitat

In open water of a creek. July.

Station

50-o.

Cells 5 μ \times 14-18 μ , constricted at cross-walls, with about 6 chromatophores; H-shaped structure of wall clearly evident.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss in and near a temporary pond. July.

Station

6-r.

Tribonema bombycinum (Agardh)
Derbès and Solier var. *bombycinum*
(*T. viride* Pascher 1925: 106)
Plate V, fig. 2

Cells 7-7.5 μ \times 17-22 μ , short and slightly constricted at the cross-walls, with 6 to 8 chromatophores.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn. July.

Station

34-r.

Tribonema utriculosum (Kütz.) Hazen
Plate V, fig. 1

Cells 8-10 μ \times 25-50 μ , long and not constricted at cross-walls; chromatophores not clear; wall thick, H-shaped structure evident.

Habitat

In squeezing from moss from bottom of tiny temporary pond. July.

Station

2-r.

Tribonema bombycinum (Agardh)
Derbès and Solier var. *tenue* Hazen
(1902: 185)
Plate V, fig. 3

Chrysophyceae

SYNURA Ehrenberg (1833) 1835

Synura uvella Ehrenb.
Plate V, fig. 7

Habitat

In open water of tarn. July.

Cells 8-10 μ \times 15-20 μ , in free-swimming compact colonies, without mucilage, showing very short spines on their free surfaces; flagella subequal.

Station

12-rr.

UROGLENA Ehrenberg (1833) 1835

Uroglena americana Calkins (in Skuja 1948: 266)
Plate V, fig. 5

Habitat

In plankton of permanent ponds and tarns. July, August.

Cells 5-6 μ \times 7-9 μ , at periphery of large fragile colonies that readily disintegrate in preservative. Cells pear-shaped, with blunt end toward periphery, bearing 2 very unequal flagella and single eyespot. Bourrelly (1968: 84) confirms Skuja in reuniting *Uroglenopsis* Lemmerm. with *Uroglena*.

Stations

1-cc, 4-cc, 30-cc. Probably more widespread, but not recognized because of its disintegration in preservative.

Key to the genera found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Plants swimming in vegetative state (in preserved material look for traces of flagella or their insertion) 2
- 1 Plants not swimming in vegetative state 4
 - 2 Cells united in flat plates of 4 to 32 cells *Gonium*, 42
 - 2 Cells united in spherical colonies 3
- 3 Cells crowded, angular from compression *Pandorina*, 42
- 3 Cells not crowded, spherical or ovoid *Eudorina*, 43
 - 4 Plants filamentous 47
 - 4 Plants not filamentous, solitary or in colonies 5
- 5 Cells in colonies 6
- 5 Cells solitary (sometimes aggregated but not in colonies) 26
 - 6 Colonies composed of cells surrounded by jelly or by old mother-cell wall 7
 - 6 Colonies not surrounded by jelly or by mother-cell wall 16
- 7 Cells in twos, fours or eights (rarely more), lying without order in intact mother-cell wall 8
- 7 Cells surrounded by jelly 9
 - 8 Cells 18 μ in diameter or less, not reniform, walls thin *Oocystis*, 58
 - 8 Cells 18 μ in diameter or more, slightly reniform, walls very thick *Oonephris*, 59
- 9 Colonies elongate, straight, curved or tangled, forming false filaments 10
- 9 Colonies spherical or amorphous 12
 - 10 Cells fusiform, pointed, more than 5 times as long as broad *Ankistrodesmus*, 60
 - 10 Cells spherical or ovoid, less than 3 times as long as broad 11
- 11 Cells ovoid, lying end to end in pairs, uniseriately in unbranched tube *Geminella*, 44
- 11 Cells spherical, irregularly arranged in branched tube *Palmodictyon*, 52
 - 12 Colonies pear- or club-shaped, attached by stalk *Apiocystis*, 43
 - 12 Colonies spherical, pyramidal or amorphous 13
- 13 Colonies amorphous, sometimes macroscopic 14
- 13 Colonies spherical or pyramidal, microscopic 15

14 Jelly firm, yellowish; cells ovate, crowded, with individual sheaths	<i>Botryococcus</i> , 57
14 Jelly, soft, colourless, homogeneous; cells loosely distributed, fragments of old mother-cell walls present	<i>Schizochlamys</i> , 44
15 Cells with star-shaped chloroplast with large central pyrenoid	<i>Asterococcus</i> , 43
15 Cells with cup-shaped chloroplast, pyrenoid inconspicuous	<i>Gloeocystis</i> , 43
16 Cells adjoined by their sides and/or their ends to form a colony of definite shape (coenobium)	17
16 Cells adjoined or merely associated otherwise, not forming a coenobium	21
17 Colony of only 2 trapezoid cells, adjoined by base and notched at apex	<i>Euastropsis</i> , 56
17 Colony otherwise, usually of more than 2 cells	18
18 Colony forming a sphere, cells with protuberances on outer surfaces	<i>Coelastrum</i> , 56
18 Colony forming a flat plate	19
19 Colony circular, cells 4-6-angled	<i>Pediastrum</i> , 53
19 Colony with cells in rows or flat groups of 4, cells oval or fusiform	20
20 Cells in single or double rows, adjoined by their sides	<i>Scenedesmus</i> , 63
20 Cells in groups of 4 in a flat plate	<i>Crucigenia</i> , 65
21 Cells thin, lunate, normally solitary but occasionally aggregated in a pseudocolony	<i>Ankistrodesmus</i> , 60
21 Cells isodiametric, in irregular colonies or pseudocolonies	22
22 Cells of pseudocolony not bearing spines	23
22 Cells of pseudocolony bearing spines	24
23 Cells tightly packed, with thick walls	<i>Protococcus</i> , 48
23 Cells tightly packed in centre but projecting outward in very short free filaments, thin-walled	<i>Protoderma</i> , 47
24 Filamentous nature of pseudocolony evident, cells compressed where joined, only few cells bearing spines	<i>Coleochaete</i> , 48
24 Nonfilamentous nature of colony shown by cells merely being aggregated, adjoining walls not flattened, most cells with spines	25
25 Cells bearing one spine	<i>Chaetosphaeridium</i> , 49
25 Cells bearing more than one spine	<i>Conochaete</i> , 49

26 Cells definitely constricted in mid-region to form 2 semicells that are mirror images of each other	40
26 Cells not constricted in mid-region	27
27 Cells lunately curved or sickle-shaped	28
27 Cells of some other shape	30
28 Cells with stalk, usually attached	<i>Characium</i> , 52
28 Cells without stalk, free-floating	29
29 Cells narrow, less than 4 μ in diameter, chloroplast continuous	<i>Ankistrodesmus</i> , 60
29 Cells more than 4 μ in diameter, chloroplast distinct in each semicell	<i>Closterium</i> , 71
30 Cells more than 3 times longer than broad	31
30 Cells less than 3 times longer than broad	34
31 Cells tapering to narrow pole, wall smooth or striate	<i>Closterium</i> , 71
31 Cells not, or very slightly, tapering	32
32 Wall smooth	<i>Cylindrocystis</i> , 69
32 Wall coarsely granular	33
33 Cells with transverse line(s) and very slight median indentations	<i>Penium</i> , 70
33 Cells without transverse lines and with no median indentations	<i>Gonatozygon</i> , 68
34 Cells oblong, ovate or short-cylindrical ...	35
34 Cells spherical or angular	38
35 Cells abruptly tapered to poles where wall is often somewhat thickened or nodular	<i>Oocystis</i> , 58
35 Cells with broadly rounded poles	36
36 Cells with slight median excavation	37
36 Cells with no median excavation	<i>Cylindrocystis</i> , 69
37 Wall smooth or punctate	<i>Actinotaenium</i> , 78
37 Wall striate	<i>Penium</i> , 70
38 Cells angular	<i>Tetraëdron</i> , 61
38 Cells spherical	39
39 Cells with smooth wall	<i>Asterococcus</i> , 43
39 Cells with ornamented wall	<i>Trochiscia</i> , 57
40 Cells with median indentation, with single chloroplast extending across cell	<i>Tetraëdron</i> , 61
40 Median indentation marking semicells, each with its own chloroplast(s) (desmids)	41
41 Cells cylindrical, more than 4 times as long as broad	<i>Pleurotaenium</i> , 76
41 Cells some other shape	42
42 Median constriction very slight	43
42 Median constriction well marked	44

43	Wall striate or granular	<i>Penium</i> , 70
43	Wall smooth or punctate	<i>Actinotaenium</i> , 78
44	44 Apical view usually compressed	45
44	44 Apical view usually angular	46
45	Cell wall with a few surface protuberances, apex notched or excavate	<i>Euastrum</i> , 77
45	Cell wall with only one slight median protu- berance, if any; apex usually rounded	<i>Cosmarium</i> , 82
46	46 Wall smooth	47
46	46 Wall roughened with spines or granules	48
47	Angles ending in spines or knobs, sinus wide	<i>Staurodesmus</i> , 111
47	Angles not ending in spines or knobs, sinus narrow	<i>Staurastrum</i> , 112
48	48 Filaments unbranched	49
48	48 Filaments branched	60
49	Filaments at least in part biseriate	<i>Schizogonium</i> , 45
49	Filaments always uniseriate	50
50	50 Filaments more than 30 μ broad	<i>Rhizoclonium</i> , 49
50	50 Filaments less than 30 μ broad	51
51	Protoplast not filling cell, consisting of rounded bodies, usually in pairs, surrounded by much colourless mucilage	52
51	Protoplast filling cell (although chloroplast may not)	53
52	52 Protoplasts ovoid, in pairs end to end; no cross-walls or lamellations (not a true filament)	<i>Geminella</i> , 44
52	52 Protoplasts ovoid or quadrate with round- ed corners, cross-walls and lamellations in mucilage evident (a true filament)	<i>Binuclearia</i> , 44
53	Chloroplasts conspicuous, with prominent pyrenoids	54
53	Chloroplasts inconspicuous, usually parietal, pyrenoids absent or inconspicuous	58
54	54 Chloroplast(s) axile	55
54	54 Chloroplast(s) parietal	57
55	Chloroplast one thin axial plate	<i>Mougeotia</i> , 68
55	Chloroplasts usually 2, stellate, with central pyrenoid	56
56	56 Cell with slight median constriction	<i>Hyalotheca</i> , 117
56	56 Cell without slight median constriction	<i>Zygnema</i> , 68
57	Chloroplasts one or more spiral bands with many pyrenoids	<i>Spirogyra</i> , 67
57	Chloroplast an incomplete horizontal band with one to few pyrenoids	<i>Ulothrix</i> , 44
58	58 Cells shorter than broad	<i>Ulothrix</i> , 44
58	58 Cells longer than broad	59

- 59 Cells cylindrical or barrel-shaped, broken filaments ending in H-shaped pieces *Microspora*, 45
- 59 Cells with abrupt swelling in middle or slight swelling at upper end *Oedogonium*, 51
- 60 Filaments branched, cells bearing spines or setae 61
- 60 Filaments branched, cells without spines or setae 62
- 61 Seta ending in a bulbous base *Bulbochaete*, 49
- 61 Seta with sheathed, not bulbous base *Coleochaete*, 48
- 62 Plants very small and bushy, the cells 3 to 6 times as long as broad *Microthamnion*, 48
- 62 Plants disc- or cushion-like, the cells isodiametric 63
- 63 Cells wholly adjoined in tight packets, cell wall thick *Protococcus*, 48
- 63 Cells thrusting out in short filaments from margin, cell wall thin *Protoderma*, 47

Volvocales*GONIUM* Müller 1773*Gonium pectorale* Müll.

Plate V, fig. 8

Cells 9-15 μ in diameter, colonies including sheath 36-70 μ in diameter. Cells with 2 equal flagella, loosely but rather regularly arranged in a flat plate.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of permanent and semipermanent ponds and a tarn, also in surface mat of algae and in open water. July, August.

Stations

4-r, 21A-r, 31-r, 34-r, 71-cc.

PANDORINA Bory 1824*Pandorina morum* (Müll.) Bory

Plate V, fig. 10

Cells 9-18 μ in diameter, colonies including sheath 27-46 μ in diameter. Cells with 2 equal flagella, compactly arranged more or less spherically.

water of a lake, tarns, permanent and semipermanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

10-o, 11-r, 12-rr, 19-r, 21A-o, 28-r, 31-o, 32-rr, 34-o, 38-r, 71-c, 78-o, 79A-r.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, also in bottom material and open

EUDORINA Ehrenberg 1832

Eudorina elegans Ehrenb.

Plate V, fig. 9

Cells 9-17 μ in diameter, colonies including sheath 47-66 μ in diameter.

Cells with 2 equal flagella, loosely arranged at periphery of more or less spherical colony.

Habitat

In open water and squeezings from moss in tarns and permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

12-o, 17-r, 32-rr, 36-r.

Tetrasporales

APIOCYSTIS Nägeli 1849*Apiocystis brauniana* Näg.

Plate V, fig. 11

Cells 8 μ in diameter, colonies 26 μ \times 58 μ . Only one young plant seen.**Habitat**

In open water of temporary pond. July.

Station

27-rr.

ASTEROCOCCUS Scherffel 1908

Asterococcus superbus (Cienkowski) Scherf.

Plate V, figs. 12-15

Cells including sheath 20-72 μ in diameter, cells with stellate chloroplast and central pyrenoid. In the preserved material from Ellesmere the sheath often appeared very thin and the lamellations were not clear.**Habitat**

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarns and permanent ponds. June, July, August.

Stations

1-rr, 10-r, 13-r, 18-r, 19-r, 30-o, 31-r, 33-rr.

GLOEOCYSTIS Nägeli 1849

Gloeocystis planctonica (West and West) Lemmerm.

Plate V, figs. 16, 17

Cells not including sheath 9-13 μ in diameter; colonies irregularly spherical or pyramidal, 50-120 μ in diameter.**Habitat**

In squeezings from moss and in open water in permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

13-r, 33-r.

SCHIZOCHLAMYS A. Braun 1849

Schizochlamys gelatinosa A. Braun
Plate V, fig. 18

Cells 7 μ in diameter, colonies to 230 μ in diameter. Cells sparsely and irregularly distributed in colonial mucilage, with fragments of mother-cell walls evident.

Habitat

In open water and in squeezings of moss from edge of permanent ponds. July.

Stations

21B-o, 55-r.

Ulotrichales

ULOTHRIX Kützing 1833

Ulothrix zonata (Weber and Mohr)
Kütz.
Plate VI, fig. 1

Cells 10-25 μ broad, 1/2 to 1 times as long; chloroplast covering c. 2/3 of the cell, containing 2 to 4 pyrenoids.

Habitat

In open water of a large permanent pond. July.

Station

78-cc.

GEMINELLA Turpin 1828

Geminella interrupta (Turp.) Lagerh.
Plate VI, figs. 2, 3

Cells 5-6 μ broad, 7-10 μ long; filaments 13-20 μ broad, unbranched, uniseriate, the ovoid cells separated from each other in pairs, enclosed in a broad, mostly homogeneous gelatinous sheath. Individual cell sheaths sometimes distinct, sometimes obscure; chloroplast parietal, extending

across only middle third of cell; pyrenoid indistinct.

Habitat

In a tarn and temporary, permanent and semipermanent ponds, in open water and in squeezings from moss at edge. July.

Stations

17-r, 30-o, 43-rr, 71-c.

BINUCLEARIA Wittrock 1886

Binuclearia tectorum (Kütz.) Beger
(including *B. tatrana* Wittr.)
Plate VI, figs. 4-7

Filaments 5-15 μ broad; cells 4-10 μ

broad, 7.5-30 μ long. Filaments uniseriate, with irregularly thickened cross-walls; cells thus somewhat remote, often in pairs, quadrate or rarely shorter but mostly longer than

broad; chloroplast parietal, extending wholly or nearly across cell; no pyrenoid seen. Superficially this plant resembles *Geminella* but is distinguished by the presence of cross-walls with frequent cross lamellations.

Habitat

In all situations in tarns, ponds of all

sizes and a creek; very common and extremely variable. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 3-r, 5-r, 9-r, 10-c, 13-c, 18-c, 19-c, 21B-c, 21C-c, 26-r, 27-o, 28-r, 30-r, 34-o, 35-r, 36-r, 37-o, 38-o, 39-r, 50-r, 71-c, 79A-r, C-r.

MICROSPORA Thuret 1850

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Filament not constricted at cross-walls, wall thin *M. stagnorum*
- 1 Filament somewhat constricted at cross-walls, wall rather thick *M. tumidula*

Microspora stagnorum (Kütz.) Lagerh.
Plate VI, figs. 8, 9

Filaments 6-10 μ broad; cells 5-6 μ broad, 8-11 μ long. Filaments cylindrical; H-shaped structure of walls not evident except occasionally at broken ends of filaments.

Habitat

In a tarn, a temporary pond and a creek, in open water and in squeezings from moss at edge. July, August.

Stations

10-o, 37-o, 49-r.

Microspora tumidula Hazen
Plate VI, figs. 10-12

Filaments 6-7 μ broad; cells 5-6 μ broad, 9-12 (16) μ long. Filaments somewhat constricted, H-shaped structure evident only at broken ends of filaments. In one case (fig. 11) the wall showed an incrustation of iron, as noted by Ramanathan (1964: 122).

Habitat

In a tarn, a temporary and a permanent pond, and a creek. July.

Stations

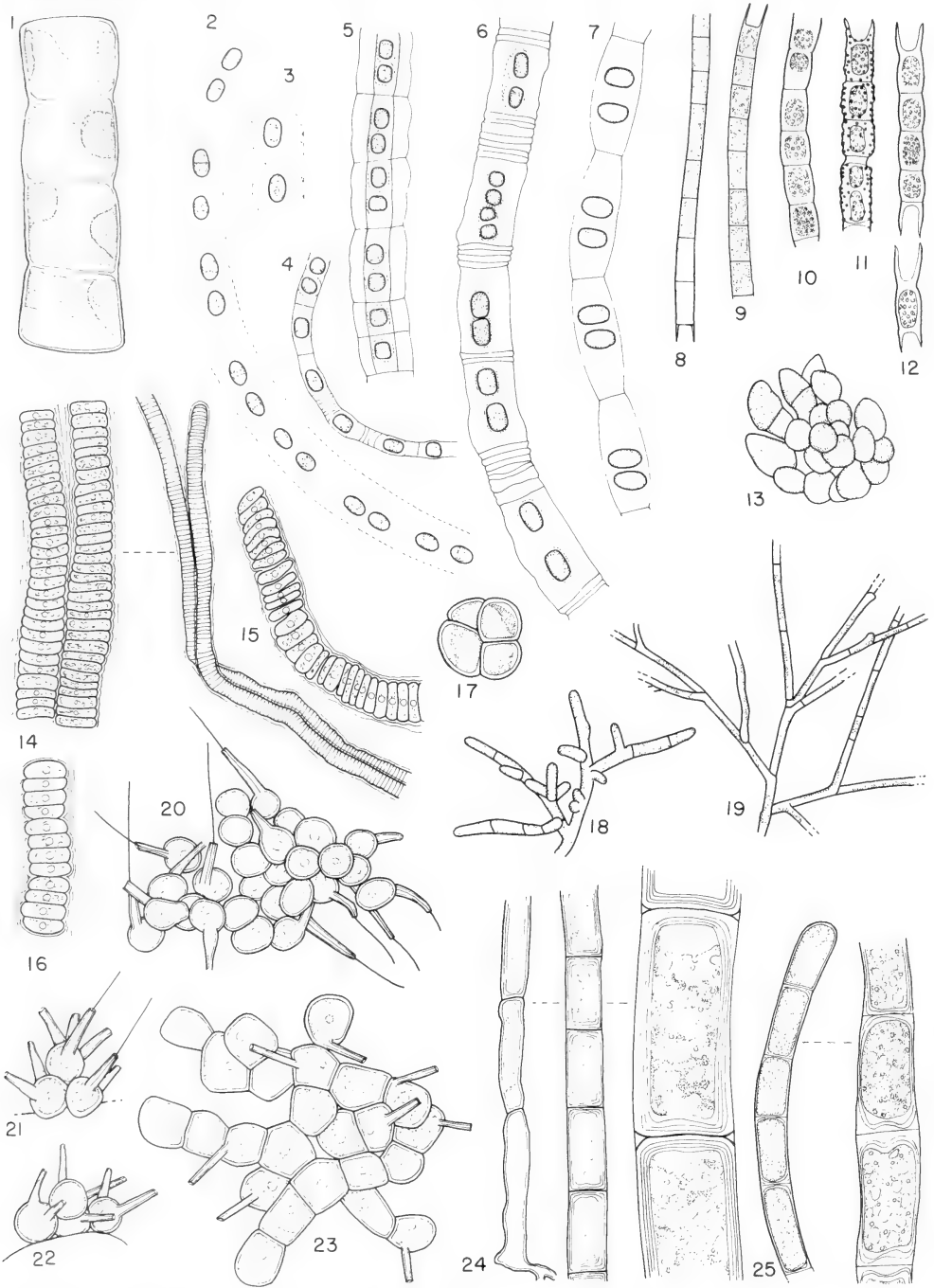
9-o, 10-rr, 19-r, 49-r, 49A-r.

SCHIZOGONIUM Kützing 1843

Schizogonium murale Kütz.
Plate VI, figs. 14-16

Single filaments 12-14 μ broad; cells compressed, 8-10 μ broad, 2-3 μ long.

Filaments uniseriate or biseriate, containing somewhat irregular cells within a firm sheath that becomes slightly stratified with age; chloroplast stellate with central pyrenoid.



This genus is often considered to be merely a stage in the life history of *Prasiola* Menegh. However, in the Ellesmere material it was found only in this form.

Habitat

Usually on moist soil, rocks, trees, etc. July.

Station

B-o (*det* Drouet).

Chaetophorales

PROTODERMA Kützing 1843

Protoderma viride Kütz.
Plate VI, fig. 13

Thallus 34 μ \times 42 μ ; cells 10 μ broad, 10-15 μ long. Cells arranged irregularly in a nearly flat disc, compact in centre, spreading at margin, the free ends of the cells bluntly pointed; chloroplast parietal, pyrenoids indistinct.

Habitat

On stones in lake, 2 inches from edge in 20 cm of water. July.

Station

A-r.

Plate VI

Figure

1
ULOTHRIX ZONATA (Web. and Mohr) Kütz. (\times 535), 44

2,3
GEMINELLA INTERRUPTA (Turp.) Lagerh. (\times 535), 44

4-7
BINUCLEARIA TECTORUM (Kütz.) Beger (\times 535), 44

8,9
MICROSPORA STAGNORUM (Kütz.) Lagerh. (\times 535), 45

10-12
MICROSPORA TUMIDULA Hazen (\times 535), 45

13
PROTODERMA VIRIDE Kütz. (\times 535), 47

14-16
SCHIZOGONIUM MURALE Kütz. (14 \times 175, \times 535;15,16 \times 535), 45

17
PROTOCOCCUS VIRIDIS Agardh (\times 535), 48

18
MICROTHAMNION KUETZIN- GIANUM Näg. (\times 535), 48

19
MICROTHAMNION STRICTIS- SIMUM Rabenh. (\times 535), 48

20
CHAETOSPHAERIDIUM GLOBOSUM (Nordst.) Kleb. (\times 355), 49

21,22
CONOCHAETE COMOSA Kleb. (\times 355), 49

23
COLEOCHAETE IRREGULARIS Pringsh. (\times 355), 48

24,25
RHIZOCLONIUM HIEROGLYPHICUM (Kütz.) Stockm. (24 \times 90, 25 \times 175), 49

PROTOCOCCUS C.A. Agardh 1824

Protococcus viridis Agardh (*Pleurococcus lobatus* Chod., *Apatococcus lobatus* (Chod.) Boye-Petersen 1928) Plate VI, fig. 17

Colonies 22 μ broad, cells 10-12 μ broad. Cells in small compact colonies, chloroplast massive and lobed,

no pyrenoid evident, wall thick.

Habitat

On wet moss 5 feet from edge of permanent pond. July.

Station

1-r.

MICROTHAMNION Nägeli 1849

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Branching dense, main axis not recognizable *M. kuetzingianum*
- 1 Branching sparse, main axis recognizable *M. strictissimum*

Microthamnion kuetzingianum Näg. Plate VI, fig. 18

Cells 3 μ broad, 10 μ long (about 3 times as long as broad). Filaments small and much branched, with many branches arising from the basal cell, the main axis not recognizable.

Habitat

In squeezings from wet moss 5 feet from edge of a permanent pond. July.

Station

79-o.

Microthamnion strictissimum Rabenhorst Plate VI, fig. 19

Cells 3-4 μ broad, 7-22 μ long (up to 6 times as long as broad). Filaments sparsely branched, main axis recognizable.

Habitat

In open water of a very small temporary pond. July.

Station

2-r.

COLEOCHAETE de Brébisson 1844

Coleochaete irregularis Pringsheim Plate VI, fig. 23

Cells 17-20 μ broad, nearly quadrate, irregularly united in short filaments to form an incomplete disc; occasional cells bearing setae sheathed at the base.

Habitat

In open water of permanent pond. July.

Station

3-r.

CHAETOSPHAERIDIUM Klebahn 1892

Chaetosphaeridium globosum (Nordstedt) Kleb.
Plate VI, fig. 20

Habitat

In open water of permanent ponds.
July.

Colonies about $120 \mu \times 65 \mu$; cells $12-18 \mu$ broad, mostly globose, in an irregular group, each with a single sheathed seta.

Stations

18-r, 31-r.

CONOCHAETE Klebahn 1893

Conochaete comosa Kleb.
Plate VI, figs. 21, 22

relatively small and thin-walled.

Cells $12-18 \mu$ broad, setae $3-5 \mu$ at base. Cells in clusters of a few cells on filamentous algae, each bearing 2 to 4 setae sheathed at base; sheaths thin, firm. The Ellesmere form is

Habitat

On filamentous algae on bottom, at edge and in open water of permanent and temporary ponds. July.

Stations

18-r, 31-r, 37-rr, 43-o.

Cladophorales

RHIZOCLONIUM Kützing 1843, emend Brand 1908

Rhizoclonium hieroglyphicum (Kütz.) Stockmeyer
Plate VI, figs. 24, 25

ably larger than the size given for the species ($10-52 \mu$ broad), but this seems an extremely variable species.

Filaments $34-78 \mu$ broad, cells to 200μ long. Filaments coarse, irregular, unbranched; wall thick, often lamellated; chloroplast a dense or open parietal network. Some of the forms seen (fig. 24) were consider-

Habitat

In tarns, in open water and associated with *Nostoc* balls on the bottom. June, July, August.

Stations

10-r, 30-o, 34-o, B-cc.

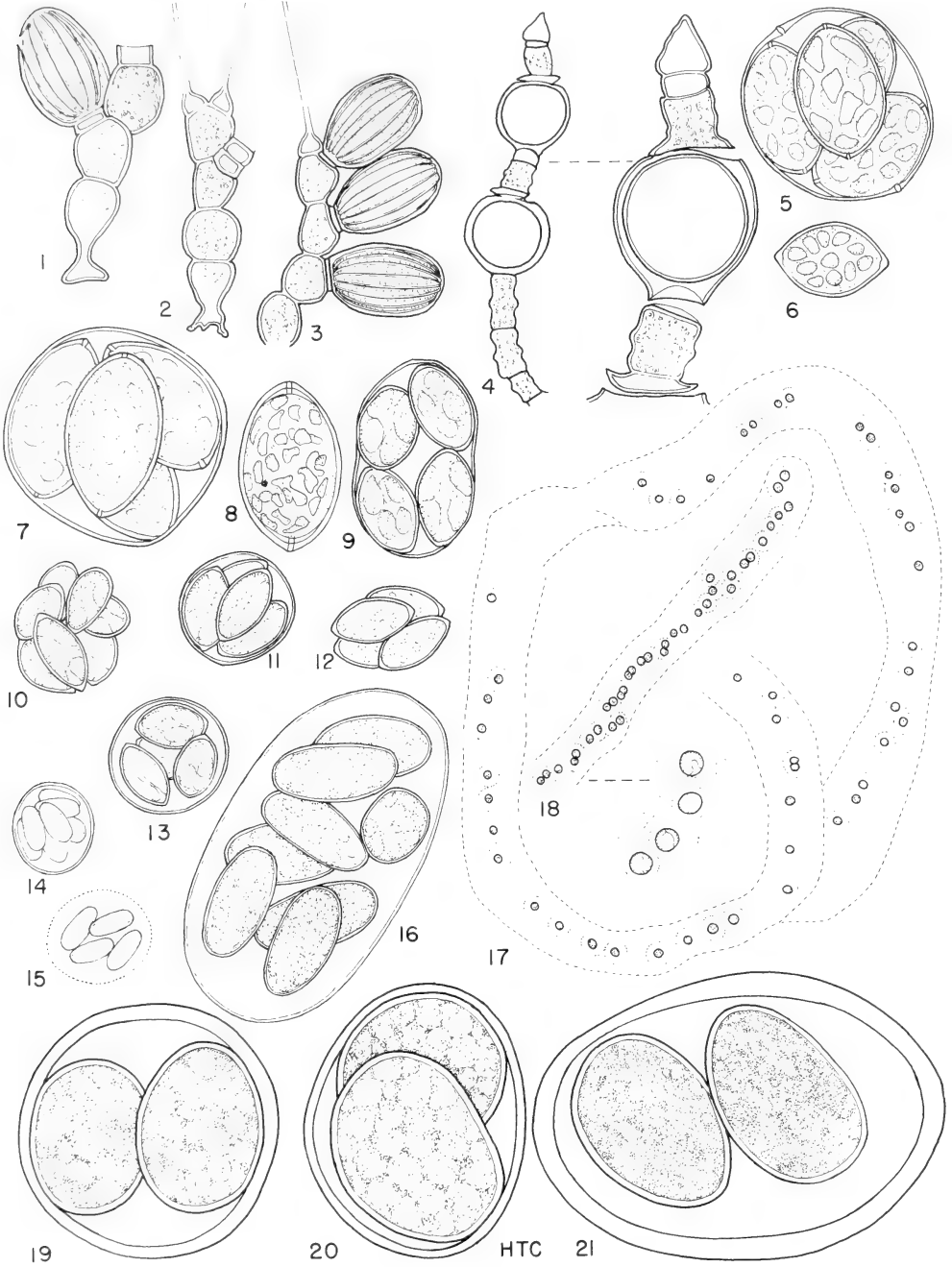
Oedogoniales

BULBOCHAETE C.A. Agardh 1817

Bulbochaete nana Wittr.
Plate VII, figs. 1-3

25μ long; oogonia $25-28 \mu$ broad, $35-40 \mu$ long; antheridia about 5μ broad, 9μ long. Monoecious; oogonium ellipsoid, patent, below seta or

Vegetative cells $14-18 \mu$ broad, $16-$



vegetative cell; outer wall of oospore longitudinally ribbed.

Habitat

On plant material and in open water of permanent, semipermanent and temporary ponds. June, July.

Stations

1-c, 9-c, 18-c, 21A-r, 27-o, 42-r, 43-o, 55-r, 71-r.

Bulbochaete spp. (sterile)

Habitat

On plant material on bottom, edge and open water of tarns and all sizes of ponds. June, July, August.

Stations

3-r, 4-r, 9-rr, 10-o, 13-r, 17-r, 18-r, 21A-r, 21B-o, 21C-r, 28-r, 30-r, 31-r, 32-r, 34-o, 35-r, 36-o, 37-r, 38-r, 39-o, 43-r, 55-o, 77-r, 78-r, A-r, C-r.

OEDOGONIUM Link 1820

Oedogonium nodulosum Wittr.

Plate VII, fig. 4

Vegetative cells 15-20 μ broad, 30-44 μ long; oogonia 40-50 μ broad, 40-52 μ long. Vegetative cells relatively short with 2 undulate constrictions; oogonia mostly globose, operculate, division superior; cospore globose, nearly filling oogonium; wall smooth. Some of the Ellesmere forms are smaller than the dimensions given for the type (vegetative cell

20-29 μ \times 30-140 μ , oogonia 48-57 μ \times 56-73 μ), but Lowe (1923: 32A) reports a form from Herschel Island, Yukon Territory, that is about the same size.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss and in open water in permanent and temporary ponds. July.

Stations

9-rr, 21A-r, 21B-r, 21C-r, 67-r.

Plate VII

Figure

1-3
BULBOCHAETE NANA Wittr.
($\times 425$), 49

4
OEDOGONIUM NODULOSUM
Wittr. ($\times 425$, $\times 850$), 51

5,6
OOCYSTIS SOLITARIA Wittr.
var. *SOLITARIA* ($\times 640$), 59

7,8
OOCYSTIS SOLITARIA Wittr.
var. *MAJOR* Wille ($\times 640$), 59

9-13
OOCYSTIS LACUSTRIS Chod
($\times 640$), 58

14,15
OOCYSTIS PUSILLA Hansg
($\times 640$), 59

16
OOCYSTIS ELLIPTICA
W. West ($\times 640$), 58

17,18
PALMODICTYON VIRIDE Kütz
(17, 18 $\times 215$, 18 $\times 640$), 52

19-21
OONEPHRIS OBESA
(W. West) Fott ($\times 640$), 59

Oedogonium spp. (sterile)

Habitat

Attached to vegetation, in all situations in all tarns, all sizes of ponds and a stream. June, July, August.

Stations

1-c, 2-r, 3-o, 4-c, 5-c, 9-c, 10-cc, 11-r, 12-c, 13-c, 17-c, 18-c, 19-cc, 21A-cc, 21B-c, 21C-c, 25-r, 27-cc, 28-o, 30-c, 31-c, 32-o, 33-o, 34-cc,

35-o, 36-o, 37-o, 38-cc, 39-c, 42-o, 43-o, 50-r, 51-r, 54-r, 55-c, 71-r, 76-r, 77-r, 78-o, 79-r, 79A-o, 80-o, 83-o, B-o.

Chlorococcales

CHARACIUM A. Braun in Kützing 1849

Characium ornithocephalum A. Braun
morpha

Plate IX, figs. 30, 31

Cells 10 μ broad, 33 μ long, strongly curved. Body set at nearly right angles to stalk, dorsal margin very convex, ventral margin straight, stalk about half as long as cell, ending in nodule. Cells more slender than type with stalk and beak less sharply differentiated from body. The Ellesmere plant resembles var. *harpochytridi-forme* Printz (1914: 39, pl. II, figs.

34-39) in its strong curvature, but is stouter, with stouter stalk. It resembles var. *adolescens* Printz (1914: 39, pl. II, figs. 40-51) in the fact that its stout stalk terminates in a nodule, but it is much larger.

Habitat

Attached to larger algae in bottom of permanent pond. July.

Station

18-r.

PALMODICTYON Kützing 1845

Palmodictyon viride Kütz.

Plate VII, figs. 17, 18

Cells 5-9 μ broad, tube 14-36 μ broad. Colonies irregularly branched gelatinous tubes containing spherical cells irregularly arranged in single or double series, each cell or pair of cells surrounded by a separate sheath; chloroplast parietal, lobed. The treating of *Palmodictyon* under Chloro-

coccales rather than Tetrasporales follows the example of Bourrelly (1966: 158).

Habitat

In open water of a permanent and temporary pond. July, August.

Stations

9-r, 55-r.

PEDIASTRUM Meyen 1829

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Marginal cells ending in paired processes as long as the body of the cell or longer 2
- 1 Marginal cells entire or with short, knob-like processes *P. integrum*
- 2 Processes diverging, space between pairs as broad as space between processes of adjacent cells *P. boryanum*
- 2 Processes parallel, space between pairs very narrow *P. tetras*

Pediastrum boryanum (Turp.) Menegh. var. *boryanum*
Plate VIII, figs. 1, 2

Central cells 5-10 μ broad; marginal cells larger, with processes, 10-16 μ diameter; processes 4-6 μ long, mostly irregular. Colonies 70-148 μ \times 90-152 μ , not perforate; processes of marginal cells approximately equidistant from each other and from neighbouring processes; wall punctate or granular, processes smooth.

Habitat

Mostly in open water but occasionally in squeezings from mosses of tarns and ponds. July, August.

Stations

1-o, 10-c, 13-r, 30-cc, 39-c, 78-r, 79-r.

Pediastrum boryanum (Turp.) Menegh. var. **ellesmerense** var. n.
Plate VIII, fig. 3

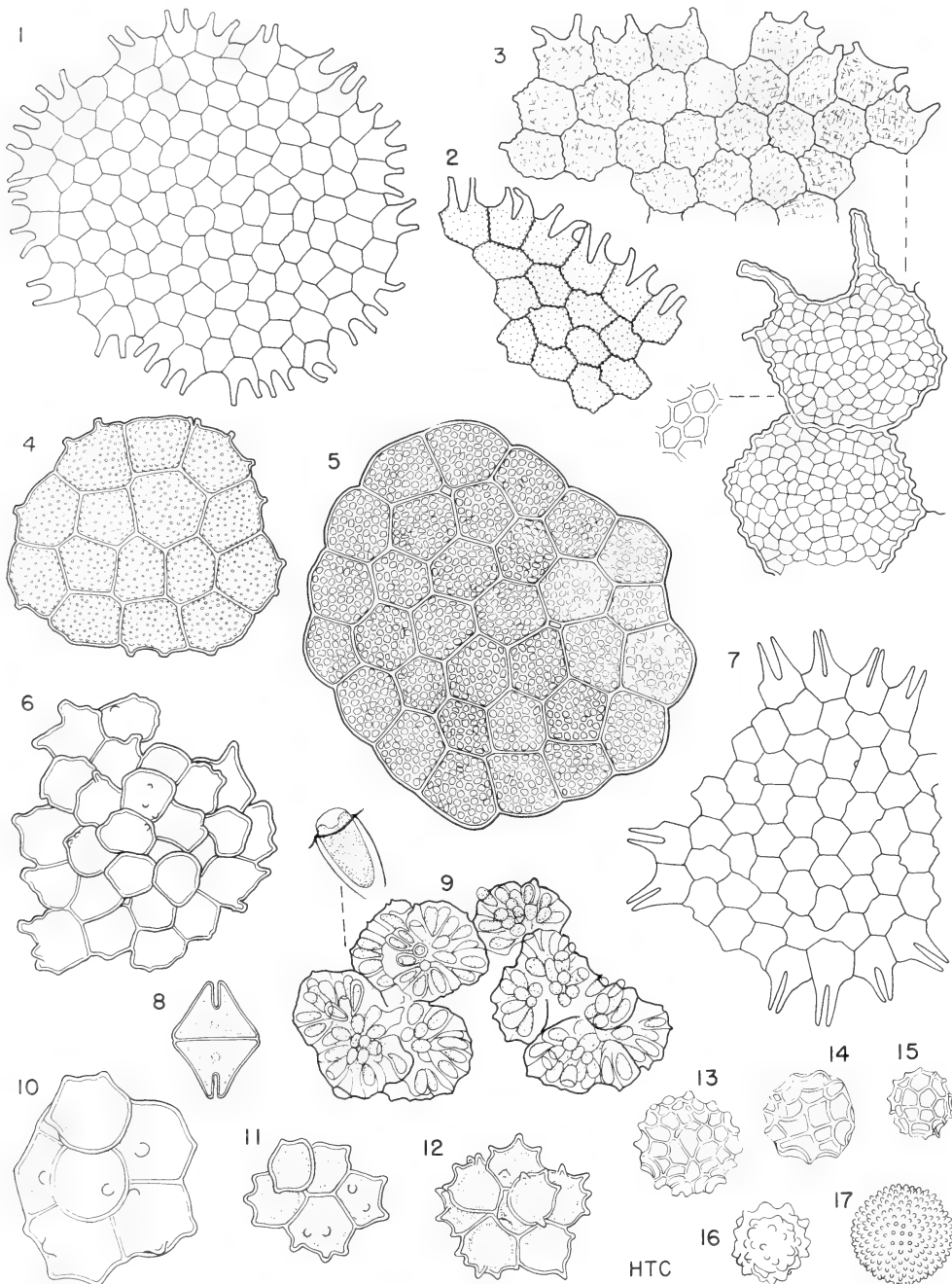
Cellulae sine processibus 30-38 μ lat., coloniae 100-320 μ lat. Varietas differens ut coloniae magnae, ex usque 128 cellulis magnis compositae,

membrane rugis crassis reticulata, processus breves irregulares. Plantae magnitudine var. longicorni satis similes, differentes, autem, quod membrana reticulata et processus breves et ad apices non distentes. Specimen typicum in aqua patente stagni num. 39 dicti, d. 22, m. Jul., 1965, a D.R. Oliver lectum.

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 68-39-85a, isotype presumably in vial No. A85; both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.

Cells 30-38 μ broad; colonies 100-320 μ broad, composed of up to 128 cells. Wall reticulate with thick ridges, processes short and irregular. A variety differing in its larger cell and colony size, strongly sculptured wall and short, very irregular processes. In its larger size the Ellesmere variety resembles var. *longicorne* Raciborski but differs in the processes, which are short and not swollen at apex. Also, in var. *longicorne* Racib. the wall is described as smooth or granulate, while in the Ellesmere form the wall is reticulate.



Habitat

In squeezings from moss and in open water of tarns and permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

5-r, 10-c, 30-o, 31-r, 39-cc.

Pediastrum integrum Näg.
Plate VIII, fig. 4

Cells 12-17 μ broad, colonies 50 μ \times 55 μ . Colonies 15-celled, entire; cells mostly 5-sided with granular walls, marginal cells with few short blunt processes. It seems probable, as Troitzkaja (1933: 217) proposes, that *P. integrum* and its varieties are merely growth forms of *P. boryanum*.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent pond. July.

Station

17-r.

Pediastrum integrum Näg. morpha 1
Plate VIII, fig. 5

Cells 12-15 μ \times 15-17 μ , colonies 80 μ \times 85 μ . Cells in a flat plate, with very rare intercellular spaces and no processes; surface of wall obscurely reticulate. In outline like var. *scutum* Racib. (Pascher 1915: 92, fig. 51c) but wall with low reticulations rather than sharp granules.

Habitat

In open water of tarn. July.

Station

10-r.

Pediastrum integrum Näg. morpha 2
Plate VIII, fig. 6

Cells 10-12 μ broad; colonies 60-100 μ broad, composed of up to 64 cells. Colonies very irregular, cells piled to 3 layers in places; processes sparse, blunt and irregular; wall granular.

Plate VIII

Figure

1,2
PEDIASTRUM BORYANUM
(Turp.) Menegh. var. *BORYANUM* (1 \times 425,2 \times 640), 53

3
PEDIASTRUM BORYANUM
(Turp.) Menegh. var. **ELLES-MERENSE** var. n. (\times 640, \times 1920, \times 5750), 53

4
PEDIASTRUM INTEGRUM
Näg. (\times 640), 53

5
PEDIASTRUM INTEGRUM
Näg. morpha 1 (\times 640), 55

6
PEDIASTRUM INTEGRUM
Näg. morpha 2 (\times 640), 55

7
PEDIASTRUM TETRAS (Ehrenb.) Ralfs morpha (\times 640), 56

8
EUASTROPSIS RICHTERI
(Schmidle) Lagerh. (\times 960), 56

9
BOTRYOCOCCUS BRAUNII
Kütz. (\times 425, \times 1275), 57

10-12
COELASTRUM PRINTZII
Rayss (\times 640), 56

13-15
TROCHISCIA RETICULARIS
(Reinsch) Hansg. (\times 640), 57

16
TROCHISCIA PACHYDERMA
(Reinsch) Hansg. (\times 640), 57

17
TROCHISCIA GRANULATA
(Reinsch) Hansg. (\times 640), 57

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds, and on bottom. July.

Stations

17-rr, 31-r.

Pediastrum tetras (Ehrenb.) Ralfs
morpha
Plate VIII, fig. 7

Cells c. $10\ \mu$ broad not including processes, processes c. $6\ \mu$ long; colonies of 64 cells $70\ \mu \times 80\ \mu$. The colony resembles the *P. tetras* colony in that the narrow incision of the marginal cells between the relatively long processes brings the two processes from one cell much closer to each other than to the processes of the

neighbouring cells (as emphasized by Bigeard 1933). It differs from the type in the greater number of cells in the colony.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn. July.

Station

10-r.

EUASTROPSIS Lagerheim 1895

Euastropsis richteri (Schmidle) Lagerh.
Plate VIII, fig. 8

Cells $7.5\ \mu \times 11\ \mu$, colonies $11\ \mu \times 15\ \mu$. Colonies consist of 2 somewhat triangular cells, joined at their bases, their apices deeply notched.

Habitat

With other algae in a permanent pond. July.

Station

21A-rr.

COELASTRUM Nägeli in Kützing 1849

Coelastrum printzii Rayss 1915: 56, figs. A 1-12
Plate VIII, figs. 10-12

Cells $10-15\ \mu \times 11-18\ \mu$, colonies $22-40\ \mu \times 25-47\ \mu$. Small colony of closely packed, somewhat polygonal cells, each bearing 1 to 8 irregular, rounded protuberances.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of permanent and semipermanent ponds, and once from open water of a tarn. July, August.

Stations

12-rr, 21A-r, 31-r, 42-rr.

BOTRYOCOCCUS Kützing 1849

Botryococcus braunii Kütz.
Plate VIII, fig. 9

of all tarns and in all sizes of ponds.
June, July, August.

Cells 4-5 μ \times 8-10 μ , colonies 30-50 μ \times 30-60 μ . Cells ovoid, in an irregular, somewhat globose colony encased in a heavy, often dark-coloured mucilage.

Stations

1-r, 9-o, 10-r, 12-cc, 13-c, 17-o, 18-o, 19-r, 21A-o, 21C-o, 27-r, 28-r, 30-c, 31-r, 32-o, 33-r, 34-r, 35-r, 36-r, 37-r, 38-c, 39-r, 42-r, 43-r, 54-r, 55-cc, 76-o, 77-r, 78-r.

Habitat

Generally distributed in the plankton

TROCHISCIA Kützing 1833

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cell surface covered with granules or protuberances 2
- 1 Cell surface reticulate *T. reticularis*
- 2 Cell surface covered with granules *T. granulata*
- 2 Cell surface covered with rounded protuberances *T. pachyderma*

Trochiscia granulata (Reinsch) Hansgirg
Plate VIII, fig. 17

wall very thick, with rounded protuberances.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of a temporary pond. July.

Station

80-rr.

Habitat

In a little bay at the northwest shore of a tarn. August.

Trochiscia reticularis (Reinsch)
Hansg.
Plate VIII, figs. 13-15

Station

10-rr.

Cells 15-40 μ in diameter, spherical, the wall ornamented with ridges forming a reticulum with 15 to 35 visible areas.

Trochiscia pachyderma (Reinsch) Hansg.
Plate VIII, fig. 16

Cell 17 μ in diameter, spherical, the

Habitat

In squeezings from moss, and less commonly in open water of tarns and of permanent and semipermanent ponds; by far the commonest *Trochiscia* species in the collections. July, August.

Stations

10-o, 11-rr, 18-cc, 19-r, 28-r, 30-r, 32-c, 33-r, 35-r, 36-r, 39-cc, 42-r.

OOCYSTIS Nägeli in A. Braun 1855

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Cells ovate, with nodule or thickening at poles | 2 |
| 1 Cells ellipsoid, without nodule or thickening at poles | 3 |
| 2 Cells less than 14 μ broad, poles pointed and slightly thickened, chloroplasts 1 to 4 | <i>O. lacustris</i> |
| 2 Cells 14 μ or more broad, nodule with pore at pole, chloroplasts numerous | <i>O. solitaria</i> |
| 3 Cells very small, less than 6 μ broad | <i>O. pusilla</i> |
| 3 Cells larger, 7 μ or more broad | <i>O. elliptica</i> |

Oocystis elliptica W. West
Plate VII, fig. 16

Cells 9-13 μ \times 20-30 μ (2-2.4 \times). Cells in fours, rarely in twos, in wall of old mother-cell; cells ellipsoid with broadly rounded ends, chloroplasts numerous, pyrenoids uncertain. Some plants were more slender and longer than accepted dimensions for the species, but all were very characteristic in their elliptic form and in number of chloroplasts.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

17-r, 18-r, 19-c, 28-r, 38-r, 79-rr.

Oocystis lacustris Chod.
Plate VII, figs. 9-13

Cells 7-12 μ \times 12-22 μ (1.4-2.2 \times). Poles of cells pointed and often slightly thickened, chloroplasts 1 to 4, mother-cell wall not always evident.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss and in open water of tarns and of permanent and semipermanent ponds, and in a stream; the commonest species of *Oocystis* in the collections. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 3-rr, 10A-r, 12-rr, 13-o, 18-o, 28-o, 31-c, 32-r, 33-r, 34-o, 36-r, 38-r, 39-r, 71-r.

Oocystis pusilla Hansg.
Plate VII, figs. 14, 15

Cells $4-5.5 \mu \times 9-10 \mu$ (1.8-2.5 \times). Cells in fours or eights, ovate, ends rounded without nodular thickening; chloroplasts 1 or 2, pyrenoids seen only once. In one case (fig. 15) the 4 daughter cells were surrounded by a clear area but not by a wall.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of permanent ponds. July.

Stations

28-o, 31-r.

Oocystis solitaria Wittr. var. *solitaria*
Plate VII, figs. 5, 6

Cells $14-18 \mu \times 18-31 \mu$ (1.6-2.2 \times). Cells mostly solitary or in twos, fours or eights, ovate with rather pointed and thickened poles, usually showing a pore; chloroplasts numerous, usually each with a pyrenoid.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarns and mostly permanent ponds, also in open water and on bottom. July, August.

OONEPHRIS Fott 1964

Oonephris obesa (W. West) Fott 1964: 133, figs. 1-6
Plate VII, figs. 19-21

Cells $18-40 \mu \times 29-55 \mu$ (1.3-2 \times), colonies $42-112 \mu \times 48-112 \mu$. Cells and mother cells *Oocystis*- or *Nephrocystium*-like: ellipsoid or, more commonly, slightly kidney-shaped, living as autospores for a long time in the enlarged mother-cell walls. Walls of

Stations

19-r, 21C-r, 31-o, 34-o, 35-r, 36-r, 37-o, 39-r, 78-r.

Oocystis solitaria Wittr. var. *major*
Wille

Plate VII, figs. 7,8

Cells 20-24 (31) $\mu \times 32-39$ (48) μ (1.4-2.2 \times). Cells mostly solitary, rarely in fours, broadly to narrowly ovate with nodular thickening at poles, usually with a pore. Chloroplasts numerous, pyrenoid not always noticeable in preserved material.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and in open water of a tarn and mostly permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

5-r, 18-rr, 34-r, 37-o, 39-r, 78-r.

cells and mother cells very thick and firm, without polar thickening; chloroplast spongiform, with one central pyrenoid, difficult to see through the dense chloroplast. The plants studied extend the size range given by Fott (1964: 134).

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom, also in open water of all

tarns, most permanent ponds, 2 temporary ponds and a seepage area; very common. July, August.

Stations

1-o, 3-o, 5-o, 6-o, 9-o, 10-o, 12-r,

13-r, 17-o, 18-r, 19-c, 21C-r, 28-r, 30-r, 31-o, 34-o, 35-r, 36-r, 37-o, 38-o, 39-c, 78-r, 79-cc, A-r.

ANKISTRODESMUS Corda 1838

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells narrow, lunate, not encased in jelly *A. falcatus*
- 1 Cells broad, fusiform, in jelly tube *A. gelifactus*

Ankistrodesmus falcatus (Corda)
Ralfs
Plate IX, figs. 34-38

Station
21A-rr.

Ankistrodesmus gelifactus (Chod.)
Bourelly 1951: 679, fig. 20 (*Raphidium pyrenogerum* Chod.)
Plate IX, figs. 32, 33

Cells 2-3 μ \times 27-50 μ , needle-like to spindle-shaped, somewhat lunately curved, solitary or in clusters without colonial sheath; chloroplast parietal, without pyrenoid.

Habitat

Generally distributed throughout nearly all tarns and all sizes of ponds and a creek. June, July, August.

Stations

1-o, 4-r, 5-r, 6-c, 9-r, 11-rr, 12-r, 13-r, 17-rr, 18-o, 19-c, 21A-c, 21C-r, 28-r, 30-o, 31-c, 32-o, 34-r, 35-r, 36-o, 38-o, 39-r, 42-r, 50-r, 55-r, 78-r, 79-r, 79A-o.

Cells 3-3.5 μ \times 19-21 μ , fusiform, acute, in colonies of 2 cells, end to end in a rather narrow gelatinous sheath; pyrenoid not seen.

Habitat

With other algae in a tarn and a permanent pond. July.

Stations

21A-rr, 34-r.

Ankistrodesmus falcatus (Corda)
Ralfs f. *dulcis* (Playfair) Nygaard
1945: 52, pl. IV, fig. 44
Plate IX, fig. 39

Cells 2.8 μ \times 27 μ (chord of arc), evenly curved into a semicircle.

Habitat

In moss squeezings from edge of permanent pond. July.

 TETRAËDRON Kützing 1845

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells 5-angled in face view, one side more concave than the others *T. caudatum*
 1 Cells 3-4-angled in face view 2
 2 Cells 3-angled *T. trigonum*
 2 Cells 4-angled *T. minimum*
-

Tetraëdron caudatum (Corda) Hansg.
 Plate IX, fig. 43

Cells c. 14 μ broad, flattened, irregularly 5-angled, each angle tipped with a papilla, the sides between the angles concave, one side more deeply concave than the others.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of a semipermanent pond. July.

Station

32-rr.

Tetraëdron minimum (A. Braun)
 Hansg.

Plate IX, fig. 40

Cells c. 12 μ , irregularly flattened and 4-angled, the angles rounded, the sides concave.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of temporary pond. July.

Station

27-r.

Tetraëdron minimum (A. Braun)
 Hansg. morpha
 Plate IX, figs. 41, 42

Cells 11-13 μ \times 12-16 μ , flattened with 2 opposite sides more deeply incised than the other 2, each angle

bearing a small papilla. These plants superficially resemble a species of *Staurodesmus* Teiling, but differ in greater asymmetry and in having a single laminate chloroplast. They approach Skuja's *T. regulare* Kütz. var. *incus* Teil. forma, which he says might belong to the *T. minimum* group (Skuja 1956: 177, pl. 28, figs. 17, 18). With this I agree.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss near edge of a permanent pond. July.

Station

78-c.

Tetraëdron trigonum (Näg.) Hansg.
 var. *papilliferum* (Schroeder) Lem-
 merm. ex Brunthaler morpha
 Plate IX, figs. 44-46

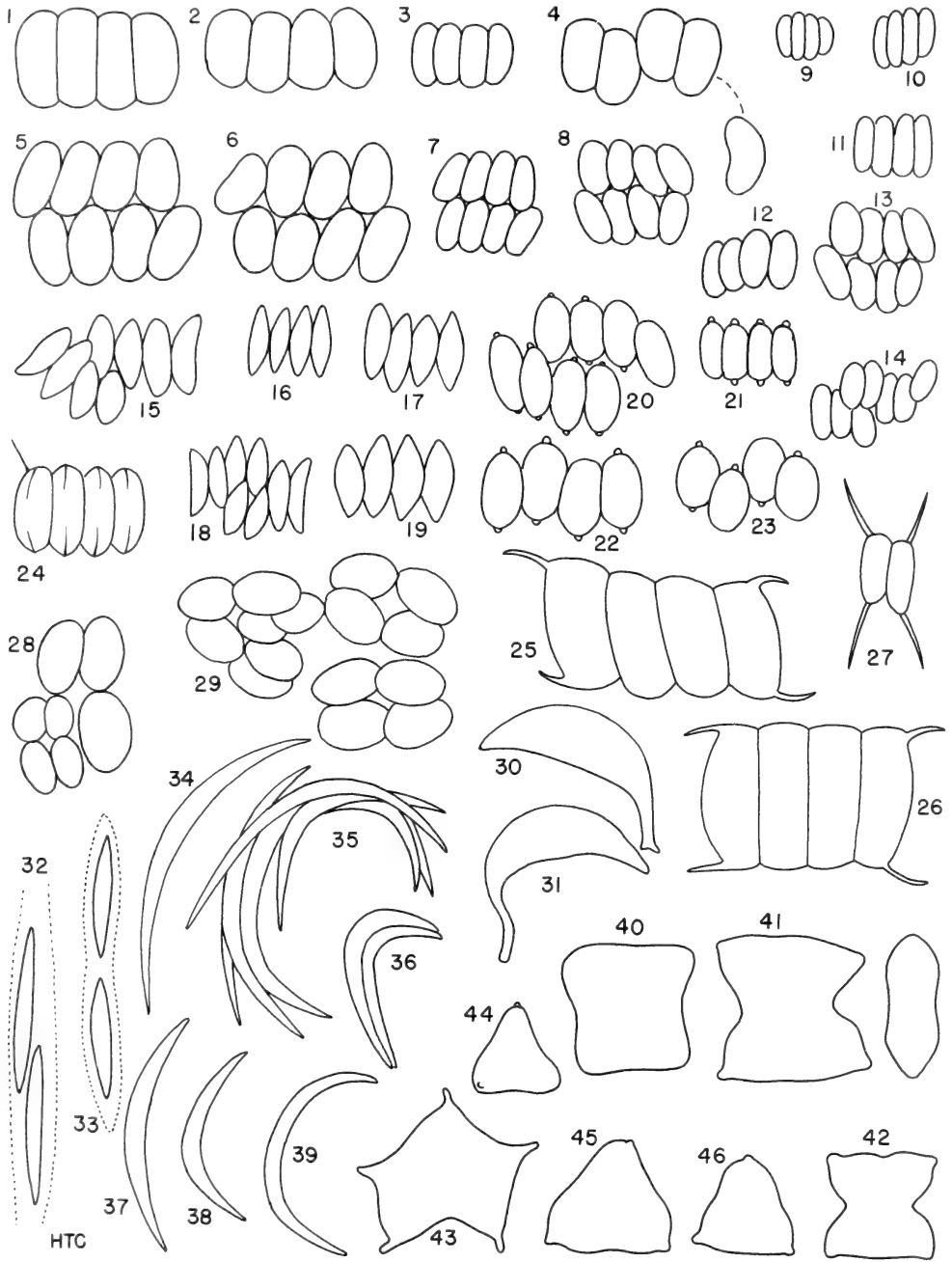
Cells 9-13 μ broad, flattened, triangular, the angles rounded and bearing a tiny papilla, the sides slightly concave. Smaller than type.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds, rarely in open water; the commonest species of *Tetraëdron* in the collections. July, August.

Stations

3-r, 4-r, 13-r, 18-c, 28-c, 33-c, 38-c.



SCENEDESMUS Meyen 1829

The identification of all the following species of *Scenedesmus* must be considered as tentative in view of the work of Trainor during the last decade (Trainor and Rowland 1968, and earlier papers). The species names used are those accepted by Chodat 1926.

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 Cells without spines or other ornamentation | 2 |
| 1 Cells with spine and/or other ornamentation | 5 |
| 2 Cells fusiform, abruptly tapered to a point | <i>S. obliquus</i> |
| 2 Cells ovoid or elliptic with rounded ends | 3 |
| 3 Colonies of 4 to 8 broadly ovoid cells arranged in a curved plate | <i>S. arcuatus</i> |
| 3 Colonies of 4 or 8 cells arranged in a flat plate | 4 |
| 4 Cells narrow, more than 3 times as long as broad | <i>S. ecornis</i> |
| 4 Cells broadly ovoid | <i>S. bijugatus</i> |
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Plate IX

Figure	25-27	40
1-8	<i>SCENEDESMUS QUADRICAUDA</i> Ehrenb. ($\times 730$), 65	<i>TETRAËDRON MINIMUM</i> (A. Braun) Hansg. ($\times 1070$), 61
<i>SCENEDESMUS BIJUGATUS</i> (Turp.) Kütz. ($\times 730$), 64	28,29	
9-11	<i>CRUCIGENIA RECTANGULARIS</i> (A. Braun) Gay ($\times 730$), 65	41,42
<i>SCENEDESMUS ECORNIS</i> (Ralfs) Chod. ($\times 730$), 65	30,31	<i>TETRAËDRON MINIMUM</i> (A. Braun) Hansg. morpha ($\times 1070$), 61
12-14	<i>CHARACIUM ORNITHOCEPHALUM</i> A. Braun morpha ($\times 730$), 52	43
<i>SCENEDESMUS ARCUATUS</i> Lemmerm. ($\times 730$), 64	32,33	<i>TETRAËDRON CAUDATUM</i> (Corda) Hansg. ($\times 1070$), 61
15-19	<i>ANKISTRODESMUS GELIFACTUS</i> (Chod.) Bourrelly ($\times 730$), 60	44-46
<i>SCENEDESMUS OBLIQUUS</i> (Turp.) Kütz. ($\times 730$), 65	34-38	<i>TETRAËDRON TRIGONUM</i> (Näg.) Hansg. var. <i>PAPILLIFERUM</i> (Schroed.) Lemmerm. ex Brunth. morpha ($\times 1070$), 61
20-23	<i>ANKISTRODESMUS FALCATUS</i> (Corda) Ralfs ($\times 730$), 60	
<i>SCENEDESMUS APICULATUS</i> (West and West) Chod. ($\times 730$), 64	39	
24	<i>ANKISTRODESMUS FALCATUS</i> (Corda) Ralfs f. <i>DULCIS</i> (Playf.) Nygaard ($\times 730$), 60	
<i>SCENEDESMUS ARMATUS</i> (Chod.) G. M. Smith ($\times 730$), 64		

- 5 Cells with spine only at corner of outer cells *S. quadricauda*
- 5 Cells ornamented otherwise 6
- 6 Cells with little knob at ends of all cells *S. apiculatus*
- 6 Cells with an occasional spine at corners of outer cells, and with an incomplete ridge extending vertically across middle of cells *S. armatus*

Scenedesmus apiculatus (West and West) Chod.

Plate IX, figs. 20-23

Cells 4-6 μ \times 10-14 μ ; colonies of 4 cells in a single or slightly alternating series, or of 8 cells in a double alternating series. Cells ovate or oblong with one or, more frequently, both ends bearing a papilla.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss or in drifting mat of algae in permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

5-r, 21A-o, 28-o, 31-r, 33-rr, 38-o.

Scenedesmus arcuatus Lemmerm.

Plate IX, figs. 12-14

Cells 3-5 μ \times 8-13 μ (a little smaller than the dimensions given by Chodat 1926: 168, which are 5-9 μ \times 9-15 μ). Colonies of 8, rarely 4, cells, the 8-celled colonies with cells arranged in a regular or irregular double row, forming a slightly curved disc; cells ovate or oblong with rounded ends. This occurred with *S. bijugatus*, distinguishable from this species only by the fact that the disc of cells is slightly curved, not flat; this species should probably be classified with it.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, also once in bottom material from

permanent ponds and a tarn. July, August.

Stations

18-o, 19-r, 28-r, 30-r.

Scenedesmus armatus (Chod.) G.M. Smith

Plate IX, fig. 24

Cells 3-5 μ \times 9-12 μ ; colonies in Ellesmere material were of 4 cells in a single series. Cells ovate or oblong, bearing a complete or incomplete ridge extending lengthwise across the middle of each cell, corners of exterior cells sometimes bearing a fragile, curved spine.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds and a tarn. July.

Stations

1-rr, 4-r, 12-rr, 18-r.

Scenedesmus bijugatus (Turp.) Kütz.

Plate IX, figs. 1-8

Cells 3-8 μ \times 7-20 μ (1.6-2.6 \times); colonies flat, composed of 4 cells in a single series or of 8 cells in a tightly packed double series. Cells broadly oval, rarely slightly reniform in plane of disc, all alike, with rounded ends.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss and in open water in mostly permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 13-rr, 17-rr, 18-rr, 19-c, 21A-r, 27-r, 28-cc, 31-r, 38-r, B-r.

Scenedesmus ecornis (Ralfs) Chod.
Plate IX, figs. 9-11

Cells $2.3\text{-}3.2\ \mu \times 7\text{-}10\ \mu$ ($3.1\text{-}3.6 \times$); flat colonies of 4 cells in a single series, cells narrowly oval with rounded ends. This species differs from *S. bijugatus* in its smaller, narrower cells, the outer ones sometimes smaller than the centre ones. It would seem appropriate to unite *S. arcuatus*, *S. bijugatus* and *S. ecornis* and their varieties into one species, or even into a spineless variety of *S. quadricauda* (Trainor 1964).

Habitat

In squeezings from moss and in open water of permanent ponds and a tarn. July, August.

Stations

4-r, 5-o, 21A-o, 30-o, 33-o, 38-c.

Scenedesmus obliquus (Turp.) Kütz.
Plate IX, figs. 15-19

Cells $3.2\text{-}4.8\ \mu \times 11\text{-}14\ \mu$. Flat colonies composed of 4, rarely 8, fusiform cells, the 4-celled colonies in a single series, the 8-celled ones some-

what irregular; apices of cells abruptly tapered, sometimes somewhat apiculate. This species is interpreted in the broad sense of Chodat (1926: 113) as a "collective species".

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of mostly permanent ponds. July.

Stations

5-o, 21A-r, 28-o, 31-o, 32-rr.

Scenedesmus quadricauda Ehrenb.
Plate IX, figs. 25-27

Cells $4\text{-}9\ \mu \times 11\text{-}22\ \mu$, spines $4\text{-}8\ \mu$. Flat colonies composed of 2 to 8 cylindrical-ovoid cells with broadly rounded poles, the outer cells bearing a single spine. This species is interpreted in the broad sense of Chodat (1926: 226) as a "collective species". In the material studied it was surprisingly rare, and seen in two very different forms.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds and a tarn. July, August.

Stations

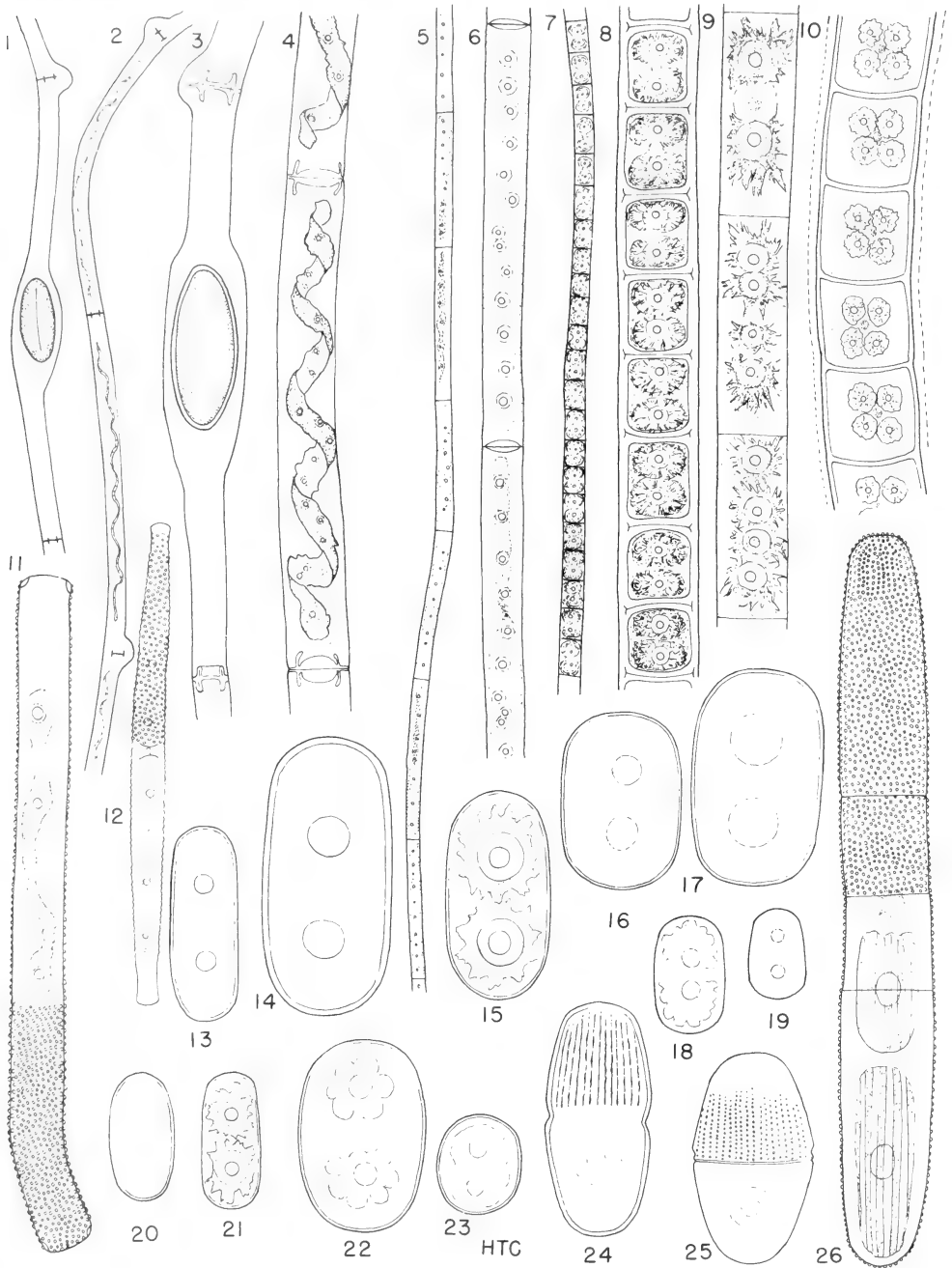
5-rr, 34-r, B-r.

CRUCIGENIA Morren 1830

Crucigenia rectangularis (A. Braun) Gay (including var. *irregularis* (Wille) Brunnth.)
Plate IX, figs. 28, 29

Cells $4\text{-}6\ \mu \times 9\text{-}12\ \mu$; colonies of broadly ovate cells in fours or groups of fours, quadrately arranged around a very small central space, forming

an irregular flat disc. Since all variations were observed between a very regular quadrate arrangement of cells and an irregular arrangement only suggesting it, I agree with Skuja (1964: 139) that *C. irregularis* Wille or *C. rectangularis* var. *irregularis* (Wille) Brunnth. should not be maintained as a separate taxon.



Habitat

In open water and in squeezings from mosses at edge and bottom of tarns and permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

12-r, 13-r, 17-r, 18-r, 28-o, 30-r.

Zygnematales*SPIROGYRA* Link 1820*Spirogyra groenlandica* Rosenvinge

Plate X, figs. 1-4

Cells 20-25 μ \times 380-580 μ (19-23 \times), zygospore 32-48 μ \times 70-100 μ (2-2.7 \times). Vegetative cells very long, with replicate cross-walls; conjugation lateral, fertile cells quadrately much swollen, zygospore dark bright brown, sometimes with longitudinal median "cleft".

Habitat

In open water of ponds and lake. July.

Stations

9-cc, 34-r, 35-r, 37-r, 43-cc, A-r.

Spirogyra spp. (sterile)**Habitat**

Among mosses and on bottom of ponds and lakes; much less common than *Mougeotia* or *Zygnema*. June, July, August.

Stations

10-r, 17-rr, 34-r, 35-r, 36-r, 50-cc.

Plate X

Figure	13-15	22
1-4	<i>CYLINDROCYSTIS BREBIS-SONII</i> (Ralfs) de Bary var. <i>BREBISSESONII</i> (\times 640), 69	<i>CYLINDROCYSTIS CRASSA</i> de Bary var. <i>CRASSA</i> (\times 640), 70
<i>SPIROGYRA GROENLANDICA</i> Rosenv. (1, 2 \times 105, 3 \times 215, 4 \times 425), 67	16, 17	23
5, 6	<i>CYLINDROCYSTIS BREBIS-SONII</i> (Ralfs) de Bary var. <i>TURGIDA</i> Schmidle (\times 640), 69	<i>CYLINDROCYSTIS CRASSA</i> de Bary var. <i>ELLIPTICA</i> West and West (\times 640), 70
<i>MOUGEOTIA</i> spp. (5 \times 105, 6 \times 425), 68	18, 19	24
7-10	<i>CYLINDROCYSTIS BREBIS-SONII</i> (Ralfs) de Bary var. <i>TURGIDA</i> Schmidle morpha (\times 640), 70	<i>PENIUM SILVAE NIGRAE</i> Raban. (\times 640), 71
<i>ZYGNEMA</i> spp. (7 \times 105, 8-10 \times 425), 68	20, 21	25
11	<i>CYLINDROCYSTIS BREBIS-SONII</i> (Ralfs) de Bary var. <i>MINOR</i> West and West (\times 640), 69	<i>PENIUM SILVAE NIGRAE</i> Raban. morpha ad f. <i>MINUS</i> (\times 640), 71
<i>GONATOZYGON MONOTAE-NIUM</i> de Bary (\times 640), 69	12	26
12	<i>GONATOZYGON BREBIS-SONII</i> de Bary (\times 640), 68	<i>PENIUM MARGARITACEUM</i> (Ehrenb.) Bréb. (\times 425), 70

MOUGEOTIA (C.A.Agardh) Wittrock 1872

Mougeotia spp. (sterile)

Plate X, figs. 5, 6

Habitat

Generally distributed in all bodies of water; the commonest genus of the Zygnematales. June, July, August, September.

Stations

1-r, 3-o, 4-o, 5-o, 9-c, 10-r, 12-o, 13-o, 18-o, 19-o, 21A-c, 21B-o, 21C-c, 27-o, 28-o, 30-o, 31-c, 34-c, 35-o, 35A-r, 36-o, 37-r, 38-o, 39-r, 49A-r, 55-r, 71-r, 78-r, 79A-r, A-r, C-r, E-c (Whelden 1947: 59).

ZYGNEMA C.A.Agardh 1817

Zygnema spp. (sterile)

Plate X, figs. 7-10

The commonest species had short cells with 2 very dense chloroplasts (figs. 7, 8), and sometimes a wide, dark sheath. In some forms (fig. 9) the cells were long, with 4 chloroplasts in a single row (pre-division?). In one form (fig. 10), found only in 1962, there were 4 chloroplasts arranged in a quadrate around the central nucleus (tetraploidy?).

HabitatGenerally distributed in tarns, ponds and smaller bodies of water; more common than *Spirogyra*, less common than *Mougeotia*. June, July, August, September.**Stations**

1-o, 3-cc, 4-r, 5-cc, 9-r, 10-cc, 12-c, 13-r, 18-o, 19-r, 21A-o, 21B-r, 27-o, 28-r, 31-r, 32-r, 33-r, 34-cc, 36-r, 37-r, 39-r, 42-r, 49-cc, 50-cc, 83-r, A-cc, D-cc, E-c (Whelden 1947: 110).

GONATOZYGON de Bary 1856

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells cylindrical, not tapering *G. monotaenium*
 1 Cells tapering from middle, with broader ends *G. brebissonii*

Gonatozygon brebissonii de Bary

Plate X, fig. 12

Cells 105-130 (288) μ \times 7-7.5 (10.8) μ (15-17.3 (40) \times), apex 4-5 μ . Cells narrowly cylindrical-subfusiform, contracted below the subcapitate apices; wall densely granulate; chloroplasts 1 per cell with 3 to 8 (16) small pyrenoids.**Habitat**

In squeezings from moss and in open water in tarns. July, August.

Stations12-rr, 35-r, 36-r.

Gonatozygon monotaenium de Bary
Plate X, fig. 11

Cells 144-160 (285) μ \times (10) 11-12 μ (13-28.5 \times), apex 10-12 μ . Cells cylindrical but often bent, apices usually very slightly dilated; wall densely granulate; chloroplasts typically 1 per cell with 4 to 8 (16) large pyrenoids.

Habitat

In open water and in squeezings from moss in tarns and a semipermanent pond; rare. July, August.

Stations

34-r, 36-r, 76-r.

CYLINDROCYSTIS Meneghini 1838

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells short-cylindrical, with parallel sides *C. brebissonii*
- 1 Cells broadly ovate or elliptic, with convex sides *C. crassa*

Cylindrocystis brebissonii (Ralfs) de Bary var. *brebissonii*
Plate X, figs. 13-15

Cells 30-69 μ \times 13.5-27 μ (2.1-3.8 \times). Cells cylindrical with broadly rounded ends and not constricted at isthmus; chloroplast with central, sometimes elongated part and radiating plates; pyrenoids 1, rarely 2, sometimes elongated; wall thin and smooth.

Habitat

In all kinds of wet and damp situations; the commonest species of *Cylindrocystis*. July, August.

Stations

12-c, 13-rr, 21B-c, 30-r, 39-r, 49A-r, 50A-r, 67-r, 71-r, 79-r, A-cc, D-cc, D-r.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn, and between sedge clumps near creek. July.

Stations

12-c, 36-r, 50A-r.

Cylindrocystis brebissonii (Ralfs) de Bary var. *turgida* Schmidle
Plate X, figs. 16, 17

Cells 38-48 μ \times 24-28 μ (1.45-2 \times), broadly cylindrical, relatively shorter than type, otherwise typical.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of all sizes of ponds, and from creek. July.

Stations

10A-r, 21A-o, 67-r, 71-r, 76-r.

Cylindrocystis brebissonii (Ralfs) de Bary var. *minor* West and West
Plate X, figs. 20, 21

Cells 28-29 μ \times 12-13.5 μ (2.1-2.4 \times), like type but smaller.

Cylindrocystis brebissonii (Ralfs) de Bary var. *turgida* Schmidle morpha Plate X, figs. 18, 19

Cells 17-27 μ \times 12-17 μ (1.4-2 \times). Cells with parallel sides as in *C. brebissonii*, relatively short as in var. *turgida*, but much smaller than either. In some cases (perhaps young cells?) one end of the cell is broader than the other. This seems to be similar to *C. crassa* de Bary f. *tenuis* Hodggets (1926: 69, figs. 6A-C), but I agree with Krieger (1937: 210) that because of the parallel sides it is better placed under *C. brebissonii*.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss in lake, pond and a creek. July.

Stations

12-o, 39-r, 49-r, 50A-r, A-r, D-r.

Cylindrocystis crassa de Bary var. *crassa* Plate X, fig. 22

Cells 41 μ \times 27 μ (1.5 \times), broadly elliptical, sides not parallel.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of semipermanent pond, also in a lake and a creek. July.

Stations

71-r, A-r, D-r.

Cylindrocystis crassa de Bary var. *elliptica* West and West Plate X, fig. 23

Cells 21-22 μ \times 17.5-18 μ (1.16-1.28 \times), small, broadly elliptic.

Habitat

On bottom of creek at delta from glacier. July.

Station

49-r.

PENIUM de Brébisson 1834

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells cylindrical, wall coarsely granulate *P. margaritaceum*
- 1 Cells ovate, wall finely striate *P. silvae nigrae*

Penium margaritaceum (Ehrenb.) Bréb. Plate X, fig. 26

Cells 125-230 μ \times 29-31 μ (4.7-7.7 (13) \times). Cells cylindrical with distinct constriction at isthmus and usually with girdle-bands; apex rounded; wall usually coloured, close-

ly beset with large granules that are sometimes in more or less longitudinal rows; chloroplast 1 or 2 in each semicell, with 1 or 2 pyrenoids.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent and semipermanent ponds. July.

Stations

10-rr, 32-o, 34-r, 39-r, 42-o.

Penium silvae nigrae Raban.

Plate X, fig. 24

Cells $50\ \mu \times 22.5\ \mu$ (2.25 X). Cells long-ellipsoid, tapering from slightly indented isthmus to rounded apex; wall thick with indistinct, irregularly thickened longitudinal striae; chloroplast with radiating plates and central pyrenoid. This plant is very similar to one found in Labrador (Croasdale and Grönblad 1964: 152, pl. I, fig. 36).

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of semipermanent pond. July.

Station

42-r.

Penium silvae nigrae Raban. morpha ad f. *minus* Bourrelly and Manguin (1952: 217, pl. 27, fig. 469) accedens

Plate X, fig. 25

Cells $43-44\ \mu \times 24-26\ \mu$ (1.6-1.8 X). Cells smaller and stouter, and more tapered than type, but larger and more tapered than the Bourrelly and Manguin form. It differs from *P. polymorphum* Perty in its lack of girdle-bands and its more widely spaced striae (6 to 8 in $10\ \mu$), which are faint and formed by rows of puncta.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds. July.

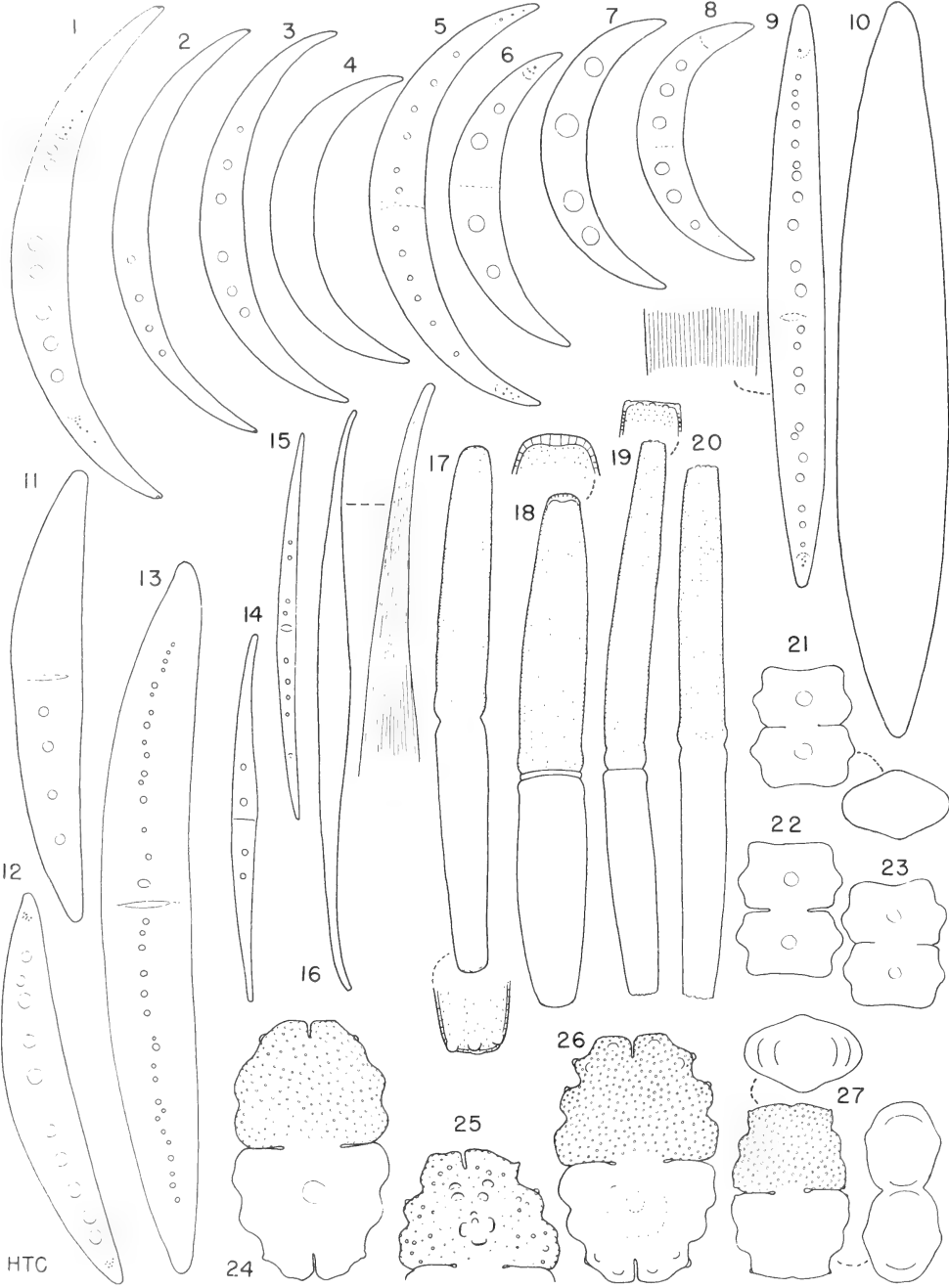
Stations

33-r, 39-r.

CLOSTERIUM Nitzsch 1817

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Cells strongly curved, more than 120 degrees of arc 2
- 1 Cells only slightly curved, less than 100 degrees of arc 5
 - 2 Cells less than 130 degrees of arc, apex usually thickened 3
 - 2 Cells more than 130 degrees of arc, apex not thickened 4
- 3 Cells $150\ \mu$ or more long, apex angularly truncate *C. dianae*
- 3 Cells 125-140 μ long, apex pointed *C. parvulum*
 - 4 Cells 10 times as long as broad or longer *C. parvulum*
 - 4 Cells less than 10 times as long as broad *C. venus*
- 5 Cells large, more than $200\ \mu$ long 6
- 5 Cells small, less than $150\ \mu$ long 10
 - 6 Cells more than $420\ \mu$ long 7
 - 6 Cells less than $420\ \mu$ long 8



- 7 Cells evenly tapered to rounded apex, pyrenoids scattered *C. lunula*
 - 7 Cells rather abruptly tapered to recurved apex, pyrenoids in one row *C. pritchardianum*
 - 8 Cells unevenly swollen in middle, tapering into slender processes *C. rostratum*
 - 8 Cells evenly swollen and evenly tapered 9
 - 9 Apices rather abruptly tapered and truncate, wall finely striate *C. acerosum*
 - 9 Apices rounded, wall smooth *C. pseudolunula*
 - 10 Cells 20 or more times as long as broad, apices pointed *C. acutum*
 - 10 Cells less than 10 times as long as broad, apices truncately rounded *C. tumidum*
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Plate XI

Figure

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| <p>1
<i>CLOSTERIUM DIANAE</i>
Ehrenb. (×425), 74</p> | <p>10
<i>CLOSTERIUM ?LUNULA</i>
(Müll.) Nitzsch (×215), 74</p> | <p>18
<i>PLEUROTAENIUM TRABECULA</i>
(Ehrenb.) Näg. var. <i>CRASSUM</i> Wittr. (×215, ×860), 77</p> |
| <p>2
<i>CLOSTERIUM PARVULUM</i>
Näg. (×425), 74</p> | <p>11, 12
<i>CLOSTERIUM PSEUDOLUNULA</i>
Borge (×215), 75</p> | <p>19, 20
<i>PLEUROTAENIUM EHRENBERGII</i>
(Bréb.) de Bary morpha (19×215, ×860; 20×215), 76</p> |
| <p>3, 4
<i>CLOSTERIUM VENUS</i> Kütz.
var. <i>VENUS</i> (×425), 75</p> | <p>13
<i>CLOSTERIUM PRITCHARDIANUM</i>
Arch. (×215), 74</p> | <p>21-23
<i>EUASTRUM INSULARE</i>
(Wittr.) Roy var. <i>SILESIACUM</i>
Grönbl. f. <i>MINUS</i> Presc. and Scott (×1000), 78</p> |
| <p>5
<i>CLOSTERIUM VENUS</i> Kütz.
var. <i>APOLLONIONIS</i> Croasd.
(×425), 75</p> | <p>14
<i>CLOSTERIUM TUMIDUM</i>
Johns. var. <i>NYLANDICUM</i>
Grönbl. (×425), 75</p> | <p>24-26
<i>EUASTRUM BIDENTATUM</i>
Näg. (×640), 77</p> |
| <p>6-8
<i>CLOSTERIUM VENUS</i> Kütz.
var. <i>CRASSUM</i> Croasd.
(×425), 76</p> | <p>15
<i>CLOSTERIUM ACUTUM</i>
Bréb. (×425), 74</p> | <p>27
<i>EUASTRUM DUBIUM</i> Näg.
var. <i>MAIUS</i> Croasd. (×640), 77</p> |
| <p>9
<i>CLOSTERIUM ACEROSUM</i>
(Schrank) Ehrenb. (×215, ×860), 74</p> | <p>16
<i>CLOSTERIUM ROSTRATUM</i>
Ehrenb. (×215, ×425), 75</p> | |
| | <p>17
<i>PLEUROTAENIUM TRUNCATUM</i>
(Bréb.) Näg. morpha (×215), 77</p> | |

Closterium acerosum (Schrank) Ehrenberg.

Plate XI, fig. 9

Cells $370 \mu \times 36 \mu$ ($10.3 \times$), apex c. 5μ , striae 10 in 10μ . Plants large, nearly straight, apex rather abruptly tapered and truncate; wall finely striate, the striae somewhat crenate with a single row of puncta between them; pyrenoids 6 to 16, irregularly linear.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of a large permanent pond. July.

Station

78-r.

Closterium acutum Bréb.

Plate XI, fig. 15

Cell $122 \mu \times 6 \mu$ ($20.3 \times$), apex c. 2μ . Plant small, slender, little curved, evenly tapered; 4 pyrenoids; wall smooth.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at bottom of permanent pond. July.

Station

31-r.

*Closterium diana*e Ehrenb.

Plate XI, fig. 1

Cells $158 \mu \times 17 \mu$ ($9.3 \times$), 125 degrees of arc; apex obliquely truncate with apical nodule. A little smaller than the type but agreeing well with forms seen in material from Devon Island and Alaska.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn. July.

Station

34-r.

Closterium? lunula (Müll.) Nitzsch

Plate XI, fig. 10

Cells $430-460 \mu \times 63-70 \mu$ ($6.6-7 \times$), apex $10-15 \mu$, about 30 degrees of arc. Cells large, nearly straight, tapered rather abruptly to the rounded-truncate apex; wall smooth. The 2 cells seen were empty and somewhat twisted, so identification is uncertain, but size, proportions and curvature point to *C. lunula*.

Habitat

From bottom and in squeezings from moss at edge of a permanent and a semipermanent pond. July.

Stations

32-r, 78-o.

Closterium parvulum Näg.

Plate XI, fig. 2

Cells $130-138 \mu \times 12-13 \mu$ ($10-11 \times$), 125-137 degrees of arc. A little larger than type but normal in shape, curvature and apices, and agreeing with forms from Alaska.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn and permanent pond. July.

Stations

13-rr, 34-o.

Closterium pritchardianum Archer

Plate XI, fig. 13

Cells $430-600 \mu \times 42-56 \mu$ ($8.2-11 \times$), apex $8-10 \mu$, 40-50 degrees of arc. Cells large, slightly and evenly curved, with the ventral margin concave and apices rather abruptly

tapered and usually bent backward; wall apparently smooth; 7 to 16 pyrenoids.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss and in open water in permanent and temporary ponds. July, August.

Stations

13-rr, 21A-r, 80-r.

Closterium pseudolunula Borge (including *C. spetsbergense* Borge)
Plate XI, figs. 11, 12

Cells 248-285 (460) $\mu \times 40-47$ (70) μ (6-6.8 \times), apex 8-10 μ , (30) 40-62 degrees of arc. Cell slightly curved, evenly tapering to bluntly rounded apices, ventral surface mostly straight or slightly concave; wall smooth. This plant most closely resembles *C. spetsbergense* Borge, which Krieger (1937: 305) includes under *C. pseudolunula* Borge. It also somewhat resembles *C. lanceolatum* Kütz., but differs in its broader apex.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of large and small ponds. July, August.

Stations

32-c, 78-c, 79A-r.

Closterium rostratum Ehrenb.
Plate XI, fig. 16

Cell 380 $\mu \times 23 \mu$ (17 \times), apex 4 μ . Cells slender, slightly curved, spindle-shaped, rather abruptly tapered; wall striate, c. 10 striae in 10 μ , striae resolving into puncta toward ends of cell.

Habitat

In open water of permanent pond. July.

Station

3-r.

Closterium tumidum Johnson var. *nylandicum* Grönbl.
Plate XI, fig. 14

Cells 103-118 $\mu \times 7.5-9.5 \mu$ (10.4-12.3 \times), apex 2.3-2.5 μ . Plants small, little curved, slender, but swollen on ventral surface; apices rounded-truncate; pyrenoids 2(4); wall smooth.

Habitat

In open water and in squeezings from moss on bottom of permanent ponds. July.

Stations

21A-r, 21B-r.

Closterium venus Kütz. var. *venus*
Plate XI, figs. 3, 4

Cells 53-85 $\mu \times 8-10 \mu$ (6-9.4 \times), 150-175 degrees of arc.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and a permanent pond. July.

Stations

30-o, 33-rr, 36-r.

Closterium venus Kütz. var. *apollo-nionis* Croasdale 1965: 310, pl. I, figs. 18-20
Plate XI, fig. 5

Cells 87-132 $\mu \times 12-19 \mu$ (6.4-9 \times), 130-165 degrees of arc. A variety differing from var. *venus* in larger size, and from var. *crassum* in greater slenderness; apices more rounded than in *C. parvulum* Näg. or *C. dianae* Ehrenb., and mostly not thickened.

Habitat

In all wet situations, but mostly in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds; the commonest *Closterium* and one of the commonest desmids. July, August.

Stations

4-c, 5-r, 10-r, 13-o, 17-r, 19-r, 21A-o, 21B-o, 21C-o, 30-r, 32-cc, 34-cc, 35-r, 36-c, 37-rr, 38-r, 50-r, 55-o, 76-r, 78-o, 79-r, 83-r.

Closterium venus Kütz. var. *crassum*
Croasdale 1955: 527, pl. VI, figs. 12-14

Plate XI, figs. 6-8

Cells 80-100 μ \times 13-18 μ (4.8-6.4 \times), 144-173 degrees of arc. The

variety differs from var. *venus* in its larger and much stouter cells; apices mostly not thickened.

Habitat

In all sizes of ponds but most abundant in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds, also in open water and bottom debris; very common. July, August.

Stations

4-r, 6-r, 9-o, 10-rr, 12-o, 21A-c, 28-c, 30-c, 31-c, 34-c, 36-r, 38-r, 39-c, 76-r, 78-cc, 79-o, 79A-c.

Closterium spp.

Stations

21A-r, 50-o.

PLEUROTAENIUM Nägeli 1849

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Apices with a circle of nodules 2
- 1 Apices smooth, without nodules *P. trabecula*
- 2 Cells less than 10 times as long as broad, apical nodules and basal inflation inconspicuous *P. truncatum*
- 2 Cells 11 or more times as long as broad, apical nodules and basal inflation conspicuous *P. ehrenbergii*

Pleurotaenium ehrenbergii (Bréb.) de Bary morpha
Plate XI, figs. 19, 20

Cells 280-435 μ \times 25-30 μ (11-14.5 \times), apex 17-20 μ . Plants relatively shorter than the type, but not as short as var. *curtum* Krieg.; 4 to 5 visible polar nodules, only one slight inflation above isthmus, wall punctate.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss and in open water, in tarns and permanent ponds; the commonest species of *Pleurotaenium*. July, August.

Stations

5-r, 12-rr, 30-r, 34-c, 35-r, 36-c, 39-r.

Pleurotaenium trabecula (Ehrenb.)
Näg. var. *crassum* Wittr.
Plate XI, fig. 18

Cells 340-350 μ \times 40-48 μ (7.2-8.5 \times), apex 25 μ , relatively stouter.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds. July.

Stations

30-o, 36-r, 38-r.

Pleurotaenium truncatum (Bréb.)
Näg. morpha
Plate XI, fig. 17

Cells 305-340 μ \times 42-43 μ (7-8 \times),
apex 19-24 μ , isthmus c. 25 μ . Plants

smaller and less swollen than type, approaching var. *farquharsonii* (Roy and Bissett) West and West. Semicells only slightly tumid, but not strongly tapered below apex, 3 to 6 visible polar nodules, one slight inflation above isthmus; wall punctate.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn and temporary pond. July.

Stations

35-r, 79A-r.

EUASTRUM Ehrenberg 1932

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Face of semicells with a few large granules, usually in middle and within lobes *E. bidentatum*
- 1 Face of semicells without granules 2
 - 2 Cells with 2 lateral lobes and notched apex, cells more than 30 μ long *E. dubium*
 - 2 Cells with one lateral lobe and broadly retuse apex, cells less than 20 μ long *E. insulare*

Euastrum bidentatum Näg.
Plate XI, figs. 24-26

Cells 50-56 μ \times 31-34 μ (1.53-1.7 \times), isthmus 8-11 μ . In most of the Ellesmere plants the angles tend to be rounded, and the facial ornamentation reduced.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and mostly permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

9-o, 12-r, 13-o, 30-c, 31-r, 33-r, 35-r, 39-o.

Euastrum dubium Näg. var. *maius*
Croasdale 1965: 312, pl. II, figs. 6, 7
Plate XI, fig. 27

Cells 36-44 μ \times 22-28 μ (1.4-1.76 \times), isthmus 6-8 μ , thickness 17-18 μ . As in the Devon Island form, the angles are rounded and the

facial ornamentation sometimes reduced.

Habitat

From bottom material and open water, but chiefly in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds; the commonest species of the genus. June, July, August.

Stations

1-c, 4-c, 5-r, 10-r, 13-o, 17-r, 30-o, 31-r, 36-r, 37-o, 38-r, 39-o, 78-o, 79-r.

Euastrum insulare (Wittr.) Roy var. *silesiacum* Grönbl. f. *minus* Prescott and Scott 1945: 241, pl. II, fig. 15 Plate XI, figs. 21-23

Cells 15-16 μ \times 12-13 μ (1.16-1.33 \times), isthmus 3-4 μ , thickness

c. 8 μ . The Ellesmere forms resemble most closely Krieger's figure from the Andes in Krieger and Bourrelly (1956: 149, pl. II, fig. 20).

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and from bottom debris of permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

3-r, 13-r, 18-c.

Euastrum spp.

Station

1-rr.

ACTINOTAENIUM (Nägeli) Teiling 1954

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Sinus a notch 2
- 1 Sinus a broad, shallow excavation *A. diplosporum*
 - 2 Apex truncate or broadly rounded, its wall not thickened *A. cucurbita*
 - 2 Apex tapered, with thickened wall *A. curtum*

Actinotaenium cucurbita (Bréb.) Teiling 1954: 406, fig. 66 var. *cucurbita* f. *minus* Teiling 1954: 407 Plate XII, fig. 4

Cell 20 μ \times 9 μ (2.2 \times), apex 8 μ . Cells cylindrical, semicells barely tapered from slightly notched sinus to rounded-truncate apex, wall punctate.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent pond. July.

Station

13-rr.

Actinotaenium cucurbita (Bréb.) Teil. var. *attenuatum* Teiling 1954: 407, figs. 67-69 Plate XII, figs. 2, 3

Cells 37-51 μ \times 17-28 μ (1.8-2.2 \times), isthmus 18-21 μ . Cells tapering from notched sinus to rounded apex, wall punctate.

Habitat

Everywhere in tarns and all sizes of ponds and a creek; the commonest species of the genus. July, August, September.

Stations

9-c, 12-o, 17-rr, 21A-r, 21B-r, 28-r, 36-o, 37-rr, 38-r, 39-o, 42-cc, 50-r, 55-r, 71-rr, 78-o, 79-c, 79A-r, 83-r.

Actinotaenium curtum (Bréb.) Teiling 1954: 390, fig. 1
Plate XII, fig. 1

Cells $39-42 \mu \times 19 \mu$ (2.04-2.2 \times). Cells fusiform, evenly tapered to narrow apex that shows a wall thickening; wall punctate.

Habitat

In bottom material from semipermanent pond, also from lake. July, September.

Stations

71-r, A-r, E-o (in Whelden 1947: 77, as *Cosmarium curtum* (Bréb.) Ralfs).

Actinotaenium diplosporum (Lundell) Teiling 1954: 411 var. *diplosporum* f. **arcticum** f.n.
Plate XII, fig. 5

Cellulae 73-77 μ long., 40-41 μ lat. (1.8-1.9 \times), 37-39 μ lat. isth. *Cellulae magnae, non, autem, tam magnae quam f. maius, et relative crassiores; chloroplastus valde lobatus; membrana punctata, ad apicem multum incrassata. Specimen typicum apud muscos in lacu Skeleton Lake num. 34 dicto, d. 4, m. Jul., 1965, a D.R. Oliver lectum.*

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 67-34-23a, isotype presumably in vial No. A23;

both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.

Cells $73-77 \mu \times 40-41 \mu$ (1.8-1.9 \times), isthmus $37-39 \mu$. Cells large, but not as large as f. *maius* Teiling (1954: 413), and relatively stouter; chloroplast much lobed; wall punctate, markedly thickened at apex.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent pond and a tarn. July.

Stations

18-rr, 34-c.

Actinotaenium diplosporum (Lund.) Teil. var. *americanum* (West and West) Teiling 1954: 413, fig. 75
Plate XII, figs. 6, 7

Cells $52-54 \mu \times 23-26 \mu$ (2-2.3 \times), isthmus $21-25 \mu$. Cells with wide, shallow excavation; broadest part of semicell in upper half, apex broadly rounded, its wall not thickened; cell wall punctate.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn. July.

Station

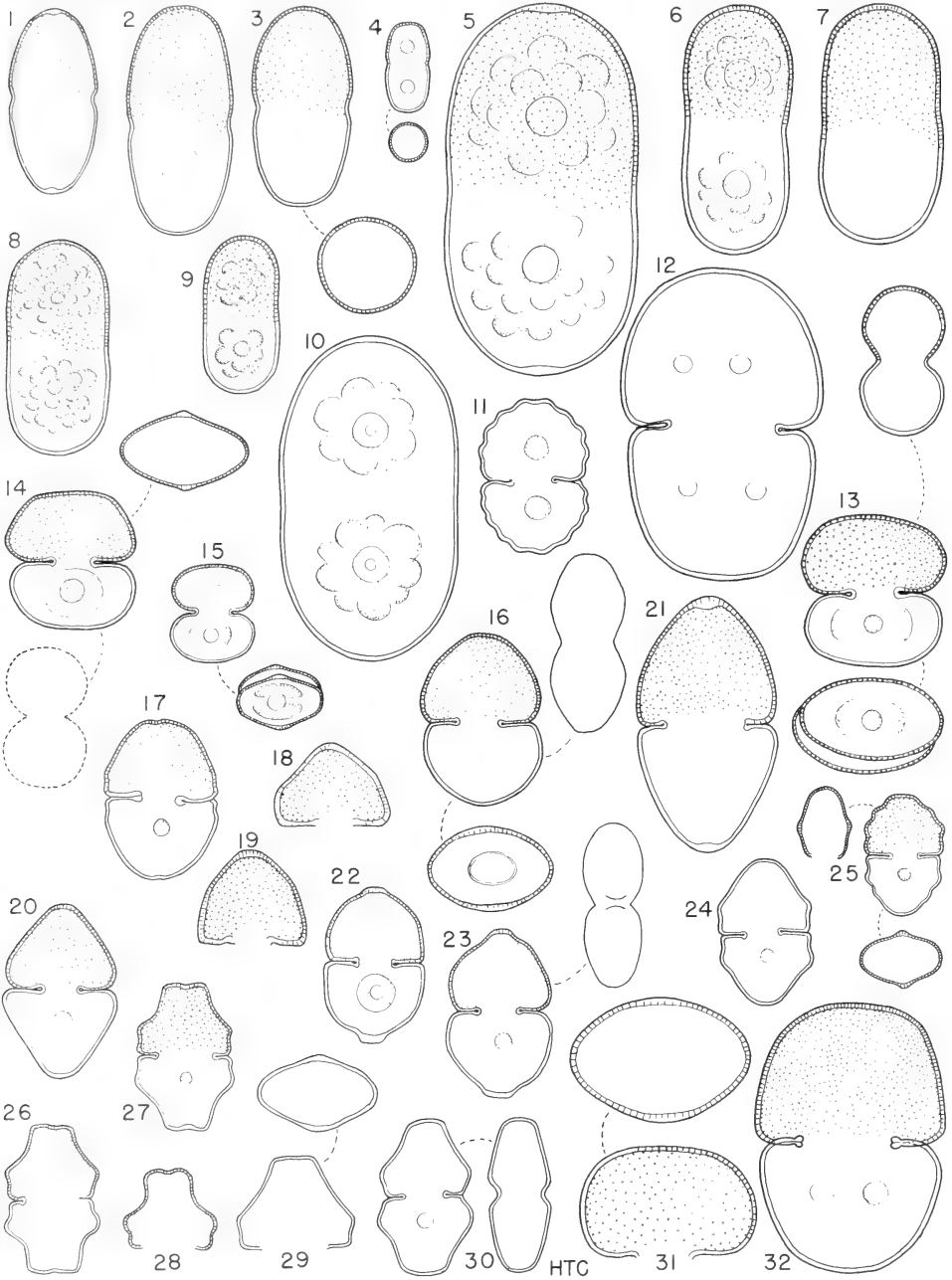
12-r.

Actinotaenium diplosporum (Lund.) Teil. var. *americanum* West and West) Teiling 1954: 413 f. *minus* Teiling 1954: 413, fig. 76
Plate XII, figs. 8, 9

Cells $33-42 \mu \times 15-22 \mu$ (2-2.2 \times), similar to variety but smaller.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss in permanent and semipermanent pond. July.



Stations

42-c, 55-r.

Actinotaenium diplosporum (Lund.)
Teil. var. **australe** (Racib.) comb. n.
(*Penium australe* Raciborski 1892:
367, pl. I, fig. 11)
Plate XII, fig. 10

Cell $68 \mu \times 38 \mu$ (1.8 X), isthmus
 37μ . (Raciborski's plant from New
South Wales was $69 \mu \times 39 \mu$, isth-
mus 38μ .) Cells relatively broader

than var. *diplosporum*, with very
shallow excavation and more tapered
apex, which does not have a thick-
ened wall; cell wall apparently
smooth.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of
permanent pond. July.

Station

4-r.

Plate XII (all X 640)

Figure

1 <i>ACTINOTAENIUM CURTUM</i> (Bréb.) Teil., 79	11 <i>COSMARIUM UNDULATUM</i> Corda var. <i>ALASKANUM</i> Croasd., 109	24 <i>COSMARIUM GRANATUM</i> Bréb. var. <i>NORDSTEDTII</i> Hansg., 89
2,3 <i>ACTINOTAENIUM CUCURBITA</i> (Bréb.) Teil. var. <i>ATTENUATUM</i> Teil., 78	12 <i>COSMARIUM SUBCUCUMIS</i> Schmidle f. <i>BOREALE</i> Croasd. morpha, 105	25 <i>COSMARIUM SUBGRANATUM</i> (Nordst.) Lütkem., 108
4 <i>ACTINOTAENIUM CUCURBITA</i> (Bréb.) Teil. var. <i>CUCURBITA</i> f. <i>MINUS</i> Teil., 78	13 <i>COSMARIUM PHASEOLUS</i> Bréb. var. <i>PHASEOLUS</i> morpha, 95	26 <i>COSMARIUM POKORNYANUM</i> (Grun.) West and West var. <i>POKORNYANUM</i> , 97
5 <i>ACTINOTAENIUM DIPLOSPORUM</i> (Lund.) Teil. var. <i>DIPLOSPORUM</i> f. ARCTICUM f.n., 79	14 <i>COSMARIUM PHASEOLUS</i> Bréb. var. <i>ELEVATUM</i> Nordst., 95	27 <i>COSMARIUM POKORNYANUM</i> (Grun.) West and West var. <i>POKORNYANUM</i> morpha, 98
6,7 <i>ACTINOTAENIUM DIPLOSPORUM</i> (Lund.) Teil. var. <i>AMERICANUM</i> (West and West) Teil., 79	15 <i>COSMARIUM PHASEOLUS</i> Bréb. var. <i>PHASEOLUS</i> f. <i>MINUS</i> Boldt, 95	28 <i>COSMARIUM POKORNYANUM</i> (Grun.) West and West var. <i>GROENBLADII</i> Först., 98
8,9 <i>ACTINOTAENIUM DIPLOSPORUM</i> (Lund.) Teil. var. <i>AMERICANUM</i> (West and West) Teil. f. <i>MINUS</i> Teil., 79	16-20 <i>COSMARIUM GRANATUM</i> Bréb. var. <i>GRANATUM</i> , 89	29,30 <i>COSMARIUM POKORNYANUM</i> (Grun.) West and West var. <i>TAYLORII</i> Grönbl., 98
10 <i>ACTINOTAENIUM DIPLOSPORUM</i> (Lund.) Teil. var. AUSTRALE (Racib.) comb. n., 81	21 <i>COSMARIUM GRANATUM</i> Bréb. var. <i>ELONGATUM</i> Nordst., 89	31 <i>COSMARIUM SUBTUMIDUM</i> Nordst. var. <i>GROENBLADII</i> Croasd., 108
	22,23 <i>COSMARIUM GRANATUM</i> Bréb. var. <i>GRANATUM</i> f. MESSIKOMMERI f.n., 89	32 <i>COSMARIUM PSEUDONITIDULUM</i> Nordst. var. <i>VALIDUM</i> West and West, 98

 COSMARIUM Corda 1834

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- | | | |
|--|----|-----------------------|
| 1 Cell wall smooth or punctate, margin entire or undulate, never granular | 2 | |
| 1 Cell wall granular with large or small granules | 28 | |
| 2 Semicells circular, semicircular, pyramidal or rectangular in outline | 3 | |
| 2 Semicells transversely elliptical, hexagonal or polygonal in outline | 22 | |
| 3 Semicells circular or semicircular in outline .. | 4 | |
| 3 Semicells pyramidal or rectangular in outline | 7 | |
| 4 Semicells circular | | <i>C. moniliforme</i> |
| 4 Semicells semicircular | 5 | |
| 5 Margin of semicell undulate | 6 | |
| 5 Margin of semicell entire | | <i>C. subcucumis</i> |
| 6 Cells more than 25 μ long | | <i>C. undulatum</i> |
| 6 Cells less than 25 μ long | | <i>C. impressulum</i> |
| 7 Semicells pyramidal | 8 | |
| 7 Semicells rectangular | 16 | |
| 8 Margin of semicells crenate or undulate or constricted | 9 | |
| 8 Margin of semicells entire or with very slight crenations just above isthmus | 13 | |
| 9 Cells evenly crenate, 60 μ or more long | 10 | |
| 9 Cells not evenly crenate or undulate | 11 | |
| 10 Cells more than 100 μ long, c. 1.4 times as long as broad, crenae slight | | <i>C. tyrolicum</i> |
| 10 Cells less than 75 μ long, c. 1.2 to 1.3 times as long as broad, crenae well marked | | <i>C. obtusatum</i> |
| 11 Semicells constricted just below apex, cells 40 μ or more long | | <i>C. holmiense</i> |
| 11 Wall of semicells entire or with 1 to 3 marked undulations above the isthmus | 12 | |
| 12 Upper margin of semicell concave to apex, which is truncate or retuse | | <i>C. pokornyatum</i> |
| 12 Lateral margin of semicell with 3 crenations | | <i>C. subgranatum</i> |
| 13 Apex narrow, rounded or with apical indentation | 14 | |
| 13 Apex broad, truncate with rounded corners ... | 15 | |
| 14 Apex rounded | | <i>C. granatum</i> |
| 14 Apex with indentation | | <i>C. laeve</i> |

15	Cells nearly 1.5 times longer than broad	<i>C. pseudonitidulum</i>
15	Cells very little longer than broad	<i>C. subtumidum</i>
16	Lateral margin of semicells concave, or rarely, straight	17
16	Lateral margin of semicells straight or convex	19
17	Cells about 2 times as long as broad, constriction slight and open	<i>C. anceps</i>
17	Cells not much longer than broad, sinus deep and narrow	18
18	Lateral margins of semicells diverging from isthmus, then converging to narrower apex	<i>C. quadratum</i>
18	Lateral margins nearly straight to the broad apex	<i>C. norimbergense</i>
19	Cells rectangular, less than 1.5 times as long as broad	20
19	Cells elongate, 1.5 to 2.5 times as long as broad	21
20	Cells large, 40 μ or more long	<i>C. rectangulare</i>
20	Cells small, less than 20 μ long	<i>C. exiguum</i>
21	Cells 2 or more times as long as broad, sinus slight and open	<i>C. debaryi</i>
21	Cells less than 2 times as long as broad, sinus closed	<i>C. quadratum</i>
22	Semicells transversely elliptical, smoothly rounded	23
22	Semicells elliptic-hexagonal, subhexagonal or polygonal in outline	24
23	Sinus closed	<i>C. phaseolus</i>
23	Sinus open	<i>C. bioculatum</i>
24	Semicells distinctly elliptic-hexagonal	25
24	Semicells polygonal	26
25	Sinus open and obtuse, cells to 33 μ long	<i>C. pseudoprotuberans</i>
25	Sinus narrowly linear, cells to 11 μ long	<i>C. abbreviatum</i>
26	Semicells with 8 equal crenae	<i>C. impressulum</i>
26	Semicells with less than 8 crenae, broadest part of semicell knob-like	27
27	Broadest part of semicell near apex, which is convex; semicell in end view very tumid	<i>C. capitulum</i>
27	Broadest part of semicell normally below apex, which is flat or retuse; semicell in end view ovate	<i>C. regnellii</i>
28	Semicells reniform or elliptical	29
28	Semicells pyramidal or rectangular	32
29	Cells more than 50 μ long	30
29	Cells less than 40 μ long	31

30 Sinus closed	<i>C. reniforme</i>
30 Sinus open, isthmus elongated	<i>C. pseudoholmei</i>
31 Sinus closed, surface granules irregular	<i>C. planogranatum</i>
31 Sinus open, surface granules in rows	<i>C. wittrockii</i>
32 Semicells pyramidal	33
32 Semicells rectangular	<i>C. conspersum</i>
33 Semicells as long as broad or very slightly longer	34
33 Semicells 1.25 or more times longer than broad	43
34 Cells 50 μ or more long, apex truncate	35
34 Cells less than 50 μ long	37
35 Apex not markedly produced, central granules in very regular concentric rows	36
35 Apex markedly produced, central granules irregular	<i>C. turpinii</i>
36 Semicells with row of supraisthmal granules	<i>C. formosulum</i>
36 Semicells without row of supraisthmal granules	<i>C. quasillus</i>
37 Cells more than 20 μ long	38
37 Cells less than 20 μ long; apex broad, flat, elevated	<i>C. humile</i>
38 Central ornamentation consisting of elongate granules or granules on elongate ridges	39
38 Central ornamentation consisting of granules in circle or irregularly arranged	41
39 Cells more than 30 μ long, very tumid in side and end view	<i>C. costatum</i>
39 Cells less than 30 μ long, only moderately tumid	40
40 Semicells rather abruptly narrowed to apex, and with 3 to 4 median longitudinal ridges	<i>C. sexnotatum</i>
40 Semicells with broad apex, and with 6 median longitudinal ridges	<i>C. norwegicum</i>
41 Semicells with 20 or more uniform granules or small crenae around margin	<i>C. punctulatum</i>
41 Semicells with 12 to 15 smooth or bigranulate crenae around margin	42
42 Marginal crenae bigranulate; no special supraisthmal granule	<i>C. septentrionale</i>
42 Marginal crenae smooth; conspicuous supraisthmal granule present	<i>C. subcrenatum</i>
43 Cells more than 70 μ long	44
43 Cells 70 μ long or less	46

- 44 Margin with flattened crenae; surface granules (warts) flattened, irregular, fading out toward centre *C. ochthodes*
- 44 Margin with rounded crenae or large granules 45
- 45 Cells more than 90 μ long, central granules small and sparse or absent *C. tetraophthalmum*
- 45 Cells less than 90 μ long, central granules flatter but larger than inframarginal granules; apex flattened, often indentate *C. hornavanense*
- 46 Apex protracted, subapical crenae very large *C. subeductum*
- 46 Apex not protracted, subapical crenae not, or not much, larger than others 47
- 47 Cells 35-70 μ long 48
- 47 Cells less than 35 μ long, semicells with only 3 lateral crenae *C. crenatum*
- 48 Apex of semicell rounded, crenae granulate on margin *C. pulcherrimum*
- 48 Apex generally flattened, crenae granulate only within the margin *C. speciosum*

Cosmarium abbreviatum Raciborski
 morpha
 Plate XIV, fig. 22

angles and slightly notched or excavate apex; in vertical view very tumid.

Cell 10.5 μ \times 10.5 μ , isthmus 5 μ , wall smooth. Differs from type in open sinus and smaller size, although it is not as small as f. *minor* West and West.

Habitat
 In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn. August.

Station
 35-r.

Habitat
 In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarns and all sizes of ponds. July.

Stations
 12-rr, 31-r, 34-r, 37-rr, 39-r, 42-rr, 55-r, 67-r, 79-c.

Cosmarium anceps Lund.
 Plate XIV, figs. 6, 7

Cells 24-30 μ \times 12-16 μ (1.6-2.3 \times), isthmus 9-13 μ , thickness c. 10.5 μ , wall smooth. Cells about twice as long as broad with short, slightly open sinus; semicells slightly tapered with nearly straight sides, rounded

Cosmarium anceps Lund. f. **arcticum**
 f.n.
 Plate XIV, fig. 8

Cellulae 32-36 μ long., 18-21 μ lat. (1.8 \times), 11.5-15 μ lat. isth., 13.5-17.5 μ crass. *Forma differens* apice latiore, sinu fere clauso; *C. taticum maxime cognata, differens, autem, apice inciso et membrana vix punctata. Magnitudine proportionibusque inter C. ancipitem et C. taticum ob-*

venit. *Specimen typicum apud muscos in solo in stagno prope locum Blister Creek dictum, d. 22, m. Jul., 1965, a D.R. Oliver lectum.*

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 68-49A-101, isotype presumably in vial No. A101; both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.

A form differing in its broader apex and nearly closed sinus; closest to *C. tatricum*, from which it differs in notched apex and only faintly punctate wall. In size and proportions it falls between *C. anceps* and *C. tatricum*. This form includes *C. anceps* f. *subparvulum* Larsen in Croasdale (1956: 14, pl. 8, fig. 19), and probably *C. anceps* in Skuja (1964: 203, pl. 34, figs. 1, 2) from Abisko, and *C. anceps* f. *subparvulum* in Förster (1965a: 133, pl. V, figs. 22, 23) from Torne-Lappmark.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss from bottom of pool. July.

Station

49A-r.

Cosmarium bioculatum Bréb. var. *bioculatum*

Plate XIV, fig. 1

Cells 14-20 μ \times 13-16 μ (1.1-1.3 \times), isthmus 4-6 μ , thickness 8-9 μ . Cells very small, a little longer than broad, oblong-elliptic, with rather open sinus; wall smooth or finely punctate; in vertical view very slightly tumid.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and a permanent pond; com-

mon but very easily overlooked. July, August.

Stations

30-r, 34-o, 35-o, 36-o, 55-r.

Cosmarium bioculatum Bréb. var. *depressum* (Schaarschmidt) Schmidle f. *minus* Schmidle
Plate XIV, figs. 2, 3

Cells 10-11 μ \times 9-10 μ , isthmus 4-5.5 μ , thickness c. 5-8 μ , wall smooth or finely punctate. Cells smaller, depressed; sinus open.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

4-r, 12-r, 13-r, 28-r, 30-o, 36-r, 38-o, 39-r, 79-o.

Cosmarium capitulum Roy and Biss. var. *groenlandicum* Børgesen 1894: 16, pl. I, fig. 5

Plate XIV, figs. 16-18

Cells 20-24 μ \times 17-23 μ (1-1.2 \times), isthmus 6-10 μ , thickness 11-14 μ , wall clearly punctate. Semicells somewhat rectangular with extruded upper angles, convex apex and short open sinus; in vertical view very broadly oval with extruded angles.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss, in bottom material and in open water of tarns and a permanent pond. July.

Stations

18-o, 34-c, 36-r.

Cosmarium conspersum Ralfs var. *conspersum* f. **dickiei** comb. n. (*C. margaritatum* (Lund.) Roy and Biss. f. *pseudoconspersum* Dick 1926: 449, pl. 21, fig. 2)

Plate XVII, figs. 7, 8

Cells $84-102 \mu \times 60-75 \mu$ (1.29-1.43 X), isthmus $24-30 \mu$. In size and shape similar to type, but punctate and differing in granulation, the granules being reduced in size along part of the lateral margins, resulting in an almost smooth area on the wall. In the form figured by Dick (1926: 449, pl. 21, fig. 2) the granules are all small except those in the upper angles of the semicells. In the forms seen in Ellesmere Island all granules were large except those on the lower part of the lateral walls and the lower median portion of the face of the cell. In addition, in the Ellesmere material the granules in the uppermost part of the cell were mostly bilobed or paired. Förster (1965a: 142, pl. VII, fig. 1) shows a nearly similar form from Torne-Lappmark (as *C. margaritatum* f. *pseudoconspersum*). West and West (1904-12, IV: 19) give as the only characters separating *C. conspersum* and *C. margaritatum* "the slight difference in the outward form of the semicells and the presence of regular punctulations between the granules". Some authors, finding these characters in conflict, have assumed the punctulations to be more important and have assigned their plants to *C. margaritatum*. However the cell shape (broader in the upper part of the semicell) seems to be more important as a diagnostic feature, and I propose the following additional new combinations: *C. conspersum* var. **sublatum** (Krieg.) comb. n. (*C. margaritatum* var. *sublatum* (Nordst.)

Krieger 1932: 179, pl. 12, fig. 6); *C. quadrum* f. **punctatum** (Krieg.) comb. n. (*C. margaritatum* var. *quadrum* Krieger 1932: 179, pl. 12, fig. 7).

Habitat

In open water and in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and a creek. July, August.

Stations

12-rr, 34-r, 35-r, 36-o, 50-r.

Cosmarium conspersum Ralfs var. *conspersum* f. *minus* Raciborski 1885: 75

Plate XVII, fig. 9

Cells $58-73 \mu \times 45-56 \mu$ (1.3-1.4 X), isthmus $17-22 \mu$. Similar to the type but smaller, wall faintly punctate. Seen also in material from Devon Island (Croasdale 1965: 317, pl. VI, fig. 8).

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

3-r, 4-r, 12-rr, 13-r, 28-r, 30-r, 34-r, 39-r.

Cosmarium conspersum Ralfs var. *latum* (Bréb.) West and West morpha Plate XVII, fig. 10

Cells $79-106 \mu \times 63-86 \mu$ (1.2-1.25 X), isthmus $23-26 \mu$, wall punctate. Cells proportionally broader than type.

Habitat

In open water and in squeezings from moss at edge of a tarn and permanent and temporary ponds. July, August.

Stations

12-r, 13-r, 79A-r, C-r.

Cosmarium conspersum Ralfs var. *latum* (Bréb.) West and West f. *parvum* Croasdale 1965: 317, pl. VI, fig. 11

Plate XVII, fig. 11

Cells $60-70\ \mu \times 48-57\ \mu$ (1.17-1.27 X), isthmus $18-23\ \mu$, wall not punctate. Cells relatively broad as in var. *latum* but much smaller.

Habitat

In open water and in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns. July, August.

Stations

12-rr, 30-r, 34-c, 35-r.

Cosmarium costatum Nordst. f. *minus* Boldt 1888: 21

Plate XVI, fig. 23

Cells $31-34\ \mu \times 25-26\ \mu$ (1.24-1.3 X), isthmus $10-16\ \mu$, thickness $19-21\ \mu$.

Habitat

With other algae. July, August.

Stations

B-r, D-r.

Cosmarium crenatum Ralfs

Plate XVI, figs. 24, 25

Cells $28-32\ \mu \times 20-25\ \mu$ (1.3-1.45 X), isthmus $9-14\ \mu$, thickness c. $16\ \mu$. A relatively narrow form.

Habitat

With other algae. July.

Stations

34-r, A-r, D-r.

Cosmarium debaryi Arch.

Plate XIII, fig. 14

Cells $96-104\ \mu \times 45-55\ \mu$ (2-2.3 X), isthmus $34-35\ \mu$, thickness c. $48\ \mu$, wall punctate. A species easily recognized by its large size and lobed parietal chloroplasts.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of permanent and semipermanent ponds and a tarn, once also in open water. July.

Stations

28-r, 36-o, 38-r, 42-r, 79-r.

Cosmarium exiguum Arch. var. *subrectangulum* West and West

Plate XIV, figs. 14, 15

Cells $12.5-15\ \mu \times 10-11\ \mu$ (1.25-1.36 X), isthmus $4-5\ \mu$, thickness $7-8\ \mu$, wall smooth. Semicells nearly rectangular, in vertical view broadly oval. Similar to the forms seen by the author in Alaska and Devon Island.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of a tarn and a semipermanent pond. July.

Stations

30-r, 32-r.

Cosmarium formosulum Hoff var. *nathorstii* (Boldt) West and West

Plate XV, fig. 10

Cells $59\ \mu \times 48\ \mu$ (1.23 X), isthmus $15\ \mu$.

Habitat

With other algae. August.

Station

B-r.

Cosmarium granatum Bréb. var. *granatum*

Plate XII, figs. 16-20

Cells $25-43\ \mu \times 18-27\ \mu$ (1.3-1.6 X), isthmus $6-10\ \mu$, thickness $12-18\ \mu$, wall punctate. Semicells truncate-pyramidate with rounded angles and closed linear sinus, one chloroplast.

Habitat

Everywhere in tarns, all sizes of ponds and in a creek; one of the commonest desmids in the collection. June, July, August.

Stations

1-o, 3-c, 4-c, 5-c, 10-c, 12-c, 13-c, 17-rr, 18-c, 21A-o, 27-r, 28-cc, 30-cc, 31-o, 32-r, 33-o, 34-cc, 35-o, 36-o, 38-r, 39-r, 50-rr, 78-rr, 79-cc, 79A-cc.

Cosmarium granatum Bréb. var. *granatum* f. *messikommeri* f. n. (*C. granatum* Bréb. in Messikommer 1944: 157, pl. XI, fig. 24)

Plate XII, figs. 22, 23

Cellulae 33-40 μ long., 21-26 μ lat. (1.4-1.8 X), 7-10 μ lat. isth. Forma differens apice semicellulae in protuberationem rotundatam abrupte extenso, aliter ut in planta typica. Specimen typicum apud muscos in lacu num. 10 dicto, d. 21, m. Jul., 1965, a D.R. Oliver lectum.

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 66-10-71a, isotype presumably in vial No. A71; both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.

A form differing in that it has the apex of the semicell abruptly extended into a rounded protuberance, otherwise like the type.

Habitat

Primarily among mosses at the edge of lakes and ponds; quite common. July, August.

Stations

1-c, 4-o, 5-r, 10-r, 13-r, 17-r, 21A-o, 28-r, 31-r, 34-o, B-cc.

Cosmarium granatum Bréb. var. *elongatum* Nordst.

Plate XII, fig. 21

Cells $42-53\ \mu \times 23-28\ \mu$ (1.8-1.9 X), isthmus $10-17\ \mu$, wall punctate or scrobiculate. Cells nearly twice as long as broad, outline sometimes angular.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss, and from bottom material in permanent ponds. June, July.

Stations

1-r, 21A-r, 39-c, 79-o.

Cosmarium granatum Bréb. var. *nordstedtii* Hansg.

Plate XII, fig. 24

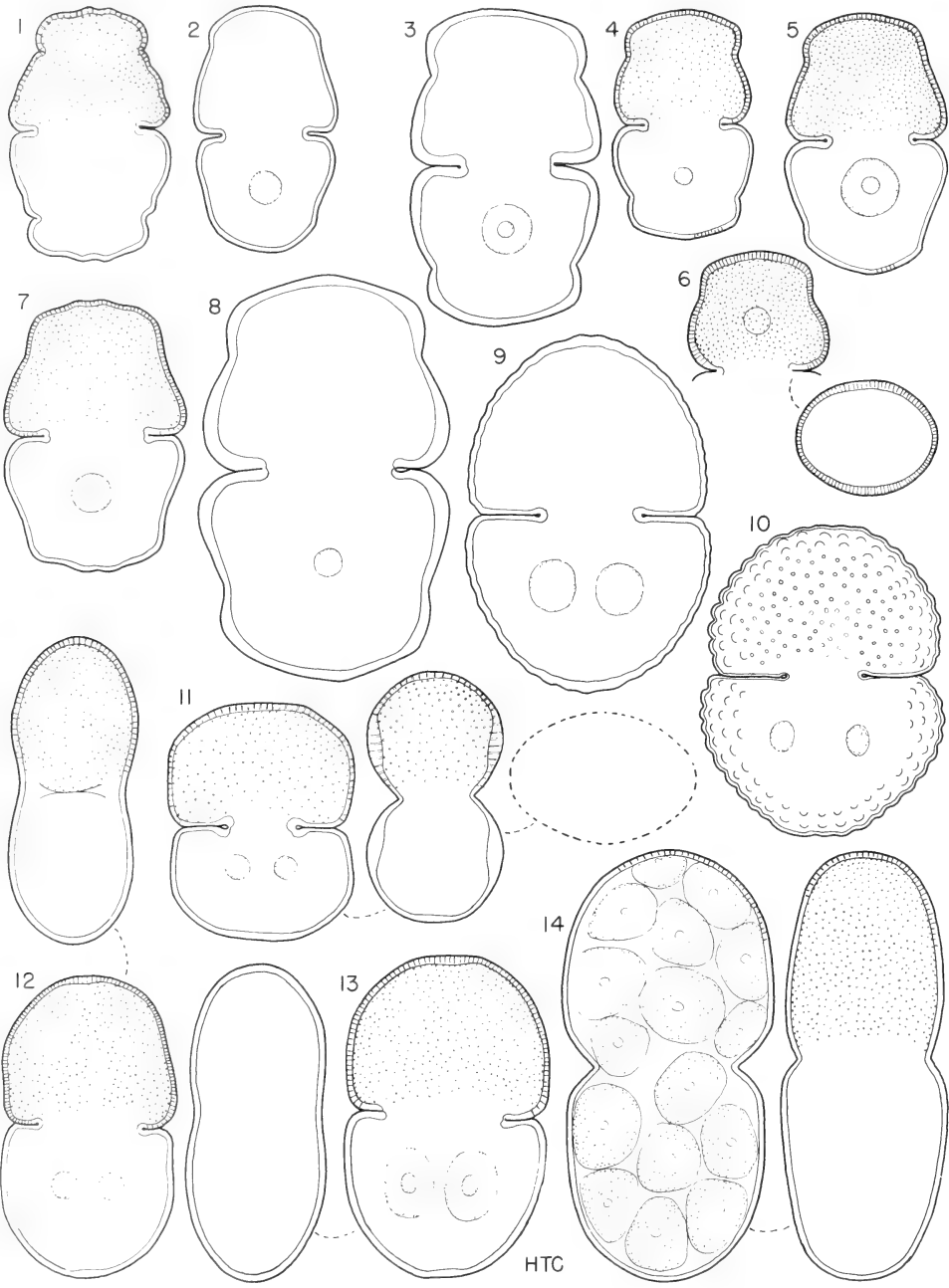
Cells $28-32\ \mu \times 18-23\ \mu$ (1.4-1.6 X), isthmus $5-8\ \mu$, thickness c. $13\ \mu$, wall smooth or finely punctate. Lateral walls of semicell at first diverging from isthmus, then abruptly converging to rounded apex.

Habitat

Primarily in squeezings from moss at edge of a permanent and semipermanent pond and a tarn. July, August.

Stations

32-r, 34-o, 79-r.



Cosmarium holmiense Lund. var. *holmiense* morpha
Plate XIII, fig. 1

Cells $54 \mu \times 34 \mu$ (1.6 X), isthmus 21μ , wall punctate. Cells with angles more rounded and with only one indentation below the apex.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at bottom of semipermanent pond. July.

Station

77-r.

Cosmarium holmiense Lund. var. *integrum* Lund.
Plate XIII, fig. 2

Cells $53-63 \mu \times 31-36 \mu$ (1.7-1.75 X), isthmus $18-20 \mu$, wall smooth. Sides of semicells nearly straight from rounded basal angles to dilated, convex apex; isthmus open.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of a tarn and a permanent pond. July, August.

Stations

28-o, 36-r.

Cosmarium holmiense Lund. var. *integrum* Lund. f. *constrictum* Gutwinski 1890: 67
Plate XIII, figs. 3, 4

Cells $44-67 \mu \times 26-39 \mu$ (1.6-1.8 X), isthmus $15-19 \mu$, thickness $18-23 \mu$. Semicells constricted below convex apex, sinus closed, wall smooth or faintly punctate. In Krieger and Gerloff (1965: 154) this plant is cited as "*C. holmiense* var. *constrictum* Gutw.". But Gutwinski named it as a form of var. *integrum*, and it seems more accurate, as well as more appropriate, to keep it that way.

Plate XIII

Figure

1
COSMARIUM HOLMIENSE
Lund. var. *HOLMIENSE*
morpha ($\times 640$), 91

2
COSMARIUM HOLMIENSE
Lund. var. *INTEGRUM* Lund.
($\times 640$), 91

3,4
COSMARIUM HOLMIENSE
Lund. var. *INTEGRUM* Lund.
f. *CONSTRUCTUM* Gutw.
($\times 640$), 91

5,6
COSMARIUM HOLMIENSE
Lund. var. *INTEGRUM* Lund.
f. *LOBATUM* (Fil.) Růžička
($\times 640$), 92

7
COSMARIUM HOLMIENSE
Lund. var. *INTERMEDIUM*
Gutw. morpha ($\times 640$), 92

8
COSMARIUM HOLMIENSE
Lund. var. *INTEGRUM* Lund.
f. *MAIUS* Messik. ($\times 640$), 92

9
COSMARIUM TYROLICUM
(Nordst.) Krieg. and Gerl.
($\times 640$), 109

10
COSMARIUM OBTUSATUM
Schmidle morpha ($\times 640$), 94

11
COSMARIUM RECTANGULA-
RE Grun. var. *CROASDALEAE*
Först. ($\times 640$), 101

12
COSMARIUM QUADRATUM
Ralfs f. *BOREALE* f. n.
($\times 640$), 100

13
COSMARIUM QUADRATUM
Ralfs f. *WILLEI* West and West
($\times 640$), 101

14
COSMARIUM DEBARYI Arch.
($\times 580$), 88

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns, permanent and temporary ponds, "a wet area" and a creek. July, August.

Stations

12-cc, 27-r, 30-c, 34-r, 49A-o, 50-r, 78-r, 79-o.

Cosmarium holmiense Lund. var. *integrum* Lund. f. *lobatum* (Filarszky) Růžička 1956: 43, pl. I, fig. 14
Plate XIII, figs. 5, 6

Cells 44-63 μ \times 26-42 μ (1.43-1.83 \times), isthmus 12-22 μ , thickness 20-29 μ , wall thick and closely punctate. Cells with angles much rounded, some with nearly flat apex.

Habitat

Principally in squeezings from moss at the edge of tarns, all sizes of ponds and a creek, twice taken by a net from open water; the commonest form of the *C. holmiense* group in the Ellesmere material. July, August.

Stations

9-r, 12-c, 13-r, 18-r, 21A-r, 21B-c, 27-o, 30-o, 31-o, 33-r, 34-o, 35-r, 36-o, 37-o, 39-o, 42-o, 50-r, 55-o, 76-r.

Cosmarium holmiense Lund. var. *integrum* Lund. f. *maius* Messikommer 1953: 551, pl. IV, fig. 6
Plate XIII, fig. 8

Cells 72-90 μ \times 47-58 μ (1.53-1.63 \times), isthmus 23-32 μ ; wall to 2 μ thick, smooth or punctate. Cells in outline very like var. *integrum* but thick-walled and very large.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss in creek and tarn, also in a lake. July.

Stations

36-r, 50-r, A-r.

Cosmarium holmiense Lund. var. *intermedium* Gutw. morpha
Plate XIII, fig. 7

Cells 56-66 μ \times 34-38 μ (1.53-1.8 \times), isthmus 18-22 μ , wall punctate. Semicells with the biundulate apex of var. *holmiense* and the evenly curved sides of var. *integrum*, but also smaller and relatively shorter than the plant figured by Gutwinski.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss from permanent and semipermanent ponds. July.

Stations

1-rr, 38-r, 77-r.

Cosmarium hornavanense Gutw. f. *arcticum* Croasdale 1965: 320, pl. VI, figs. 3-4
Plate XVII, figs. 2-5

Cells 71-88 μ \times 57-69 μ (1.22-1.46 \times), isthmus 17-23 μ , thickness 36-40 μ . Semicells pyramidal with margin rounded and strongly crenate, apex flattened and irregularly indentate in middle; with several rows of granules radially and concentrically arranged within the margin and with indistinct, flattened, usually somewhat elongate granules above the isthmus, punctate between the granules. In vertical view broadly ovate, in lateral view semicircular; two pyrenoids.

Habitat

In practically all wet situations, especially in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and mostly permanent ponds; one of the commonest des-

mids in the Ellesmere collections. June, July, August.

Stations

1-o, 3-c, 4-c, 5-r, 6-r, 10-o, 11-r, 12-cc, 13-o, 17-r, 18-rr, 21A-r, 28-r, 30-cc, 31-o, 32-o, 33-o, 34-c, 35-r, 36-cc, 37-rr, 38-r, 39-r, 42-o, 76-r, 78-cc, C-o.

Cosmarium humile (Gay) Nordst. var. *lacustre* Taylor 1934: 254, pl. 51, fig. 30
Plate XVI, figs. 12-14

Cells 15-17 μ \times 14-16 μ , isthmus 5-6 μ , thickness c. 9 μ . Semicells trapeziform and broader at the base, upper part of side retuse, apex flattened and undulate; 4 to 6 longitudinal costae across the face.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at the bottom and edge of tarns and permanent ponds, also in open water. July, August.

Stations

3-cc, 4-c, 5-r, 18-cc, 28-r, 33-c, 34-r, 35-r, 38-r.

Cosmarium impressulum Elfving var. *suborthogonum* Taft
Plate XIV, figs. 23, 24

Cells 19-22 μ \times 13-18 μ (1.16-1.50 \times), isthmus 4-7 μ , thickness c. 10 μ , wall smooth.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarns and all sizes of ponds, also in open water; very common in northern regions. July, August.

Stations

3-o, 4-o, 5-o, 6-r, 10-c, 12-c, 18-o,

21A-c, 27-r, 28-o, 30-o, 31-r, 34-c, 35-r, 36-o, 39-r, 78-r, 79A-o.

Cosmarium laeve Rabenh. morpha 1
Plate XIV, fig. 27

Cells 20-23 μ \times 13-14.5 μ (1.54-1.6 \times), isthmus 6-7 μ , wall smooth. Cells small and relatively long, outline irregular.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss near edge of permanent ponds. July.

Stations

4-r, 79-o.

Cosmarium laeve Rabenh. morpha 2
Plate XIV, figs. 28, 29

Cells 28-30 μ \times 20-24 μ (1.45-1.5 \times), isthmus 6-7.5 μ , thickness 12-13 μ , wall smooth or widely punctate. Cells large, outline slightly irregular. This could possibly be a large form of *C. meneghinii* Bréb.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent and semipermanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

10-o, 18-rr, 31-r, 32-r, 34-r.

Cosmarium moniliforme (Turp.) Ralfs
Plate XIV, fig. 4

Cells 30-34 μ \times 18-20 μ (1.66-1.7 \times), isthmus c. 10 μ , thickness 18-20 μ , wall smooth. Semicells circular in all views, sinus acute and widely open.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn and permanent pond. July.

Stations

18-rr, 34-r.

Cosmarium moniliforme (Turp.) Ralfs
f. *punctatum* Lagerh.
Plate XIV, fig. 5

Cell $22 \mu \times 12 \mu$ (1.83 X), isthmus 7μ , thickness 12μ , wall punctate. The Ellesmere plant is a little smaller than the dimensions given for this form, but is within the size range for the species.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn. July.

Station

34-r.

Cosmarium norimbergense Reinsch
f. *boldtii* Messikommer 1929: 153,
pl. I, fig. 6
Plate XIV, figs. 9-11

Cells $10-11 \mu \times 9-11 \mu$, isthmus $3-5 \mu$, thickness c. 7μ , wall smooth. Cells very little longer than broad, showing a small tumour in vertical view. The Ellesmere plants are a little larger than Messikommer's but agree well with specimens collected by the author in Alaska (Croasdale 1956: 42, pl. 8, fig. 21).

Krieger and Gerloff (1965: 190, pl. 37, fig. 11) put Messikommer's form as a variety of *C. quadratum* (Gay) de Toni. However this does not seem correct since the latter typically has a narrower isthmus, with the sinus soon opening to form a rather angular base of the semicell. Also in *C. quadratum* the apex is markedly retuse, and in vertical view the ratio of axes is given as 1 to 2, whereas that of *C. norimbergense* is 1 to 1.6. (In the Ellesmere material it is 1 to 1.5.)

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn. July, August.

Stations

34-r, B-r.

Cosmarium norwegicum Strøm 1926: 214, pl. V, figs. 15, 16
Plate XVI, figs. 21, 22

Cells $24-26 \mu \times 24-25 \mu$, isthmus $7-9 \mu$, thickness 13μ , one pyrenoid. Semicells in vertical view rather narrow, with median tumour. Superficially resembling *C. subcostatum* Nordst., but cells are smaller and more depressed, with broader base and with only one pyrenoid. It is possible that many of the small depressed forms with only one pyrenoid, now placed under *C. subcostatum*, belong here.

Habitat

With other algae in tarn. July, August.

Stations

34-r, B-r.

Cosmarium obtusatum Schmidle morpho
Plate XIII, fig. 10

Cell $64 \mu \times 50 \mu$ (1.28 X), isthmus 17μ . Differs in being larger, relatively broader, and in having more marginal and intramarginal undulations; almost identical to forms figured by Messikommer (1954: pl. IV, fig. 7) and by Rybníček (1960: 140, 153, fig. 62).

Habitat

In squeezings from moss in small pond. July.

Station

79A-r.

Cosmarium ochthodes Nordst. var. *amoebum* W. West
Plate XVII, fig. 6

Cells $78-90 \mu \times 54-67 \mu$ (1.28-1.53 X), isthmus $18-25 \mu$, thickness $30-47 \mu$. Warts on surface very irregular in outline, breaking up into small units away from the margin and replaced by small granules in middle of cell; wall punctate between granules; two pyrenoids. Usually the cells of this variety are larger, with broader apex than in the type, but this difference was not seen in the Ellesmere material.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and shore and in open water of tarns and mostly permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

12-o, 21A-o, 28-r, 30-c, 31-o, 34-o, 36-r, 39-r, 55-r, 79-o, 83-r.

Cosmarium phaseolus Bréb. var. *phaseolus* morpha
Plate XII, fig. 13

Cells $28-31 \mu \times 27-30 \mu$, isthmus $9-11 \mu$, thickness c. 17μ ; wall coarsely punctate, usually with fine puncta in addition. Semicells somewhat angular, in vertical view relatively narrow, without special protuberance.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns. July, August.

Stations

34-o, 36-cc, B-r.

Cosmarium phaseolus Bréb. var. *phaseolus* f. *minus* Boldt
Plate XII, fig. 15

Cell $20 \mu \times 17 \mu$, isthmus 7μ , thickness 12μ , wall punctate. Cells similar to type but smaller.

Habitat

In a tarn. July.

Station

34-r.

Cosmarium phaseolus Bréb. var. *elevatum* Nordst.
Plate XII, fig. 14

Cells $26-33 \mu \times 23-30 \mu$, isthmus $8-11 \mu$, thickness $14-20 \mu$, wall punctate. Semicells elliptic with sides tapering to flattened apex, lateral and vertical views showing median protuberance, sinus linear and closed; one pyrenoid.

Habitat

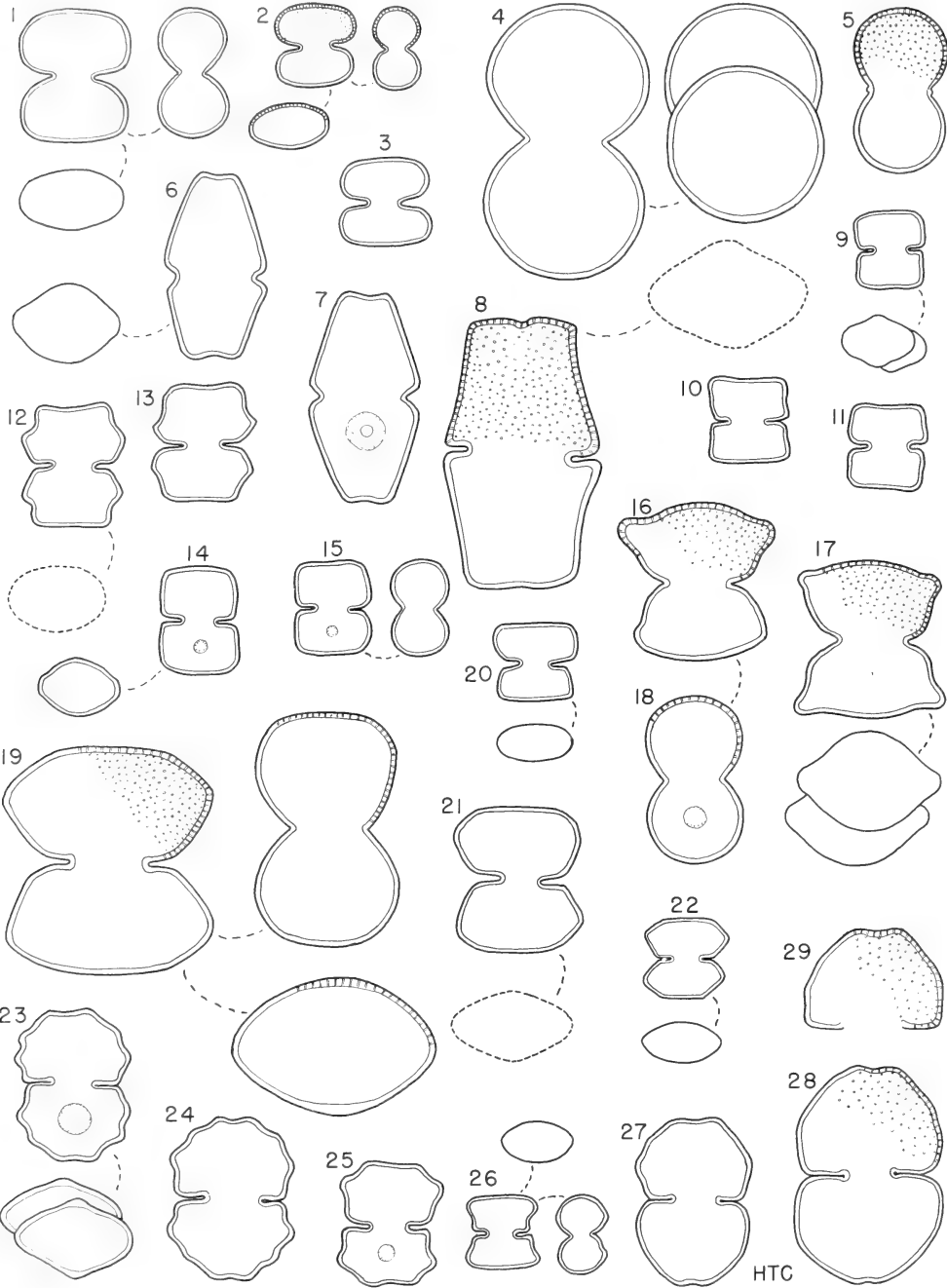
Everywhere in tarns and permanent ponds, and once in a small stream; common. July, August.

Stations

3-c, 4-c, 5-r, 12-c, 13-c, 30-c, 34-cc, 36-cc, 55-r.

Cosmarium planogrammatum Croasdale
1962: 29, pl. IV, figs. 59-61
Plate XVI, figs. 1, 2

Cells $25-34 \mu \times 20-29 \mu$ (1.0-1.35 X), isthmus $6-13 \mu$, thickness $14-18 \mu$. Cells elliptic-reniform, with large flat granules evenly but irregularly distributed over the surface; 12 to 16 (usually 14) crenae around margin of semicell. Semicell in lateral view circular, in vertical view broadly ovate.



Habitat

Everywhere in tarns, all sizes of ponds and once in a creek; one of the commonest desmids in the Ellesmere material. July, August.

Stations

3-r, 9-r, 10-o, 12-c, 13-rr, 18-r, 19-r, 21A-o, 27-o, 30-cc, 33-r, 34-cc, 35-o, 36-c, 39-r, 42-o, 50-r, 55-r, 76-r, 79-r, 79A-r.

Cosmarium pokornyanum (Grunow)
West and West var. *pokornyanum*
Plate XII, fig. 26

Cells $34-38 \mu \times 18-21 \mu$ (1.8-1.9 X),
isthmus $9-12 \mu$, wall smooth or punc-

tate. Cells nearly twice as long as broad, semicells trilobed with sides of both upper and lower parts nearly parallel, isthmus broad, apex slightly indented.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and in bottom material of tarns, all sizes of ponds and a seepage area. July, August.

Stations

4-r, 9-o, 12-o, 13-rr, 28-r, 30-r, 31-c, 33-r, 35A-r, 39-c, 42-o, 55-o, 76-r, 79-r.

Plate XIV (all X1050)**Figure**

- 1
COSMARIUM BIOCULATUM
Bréb. var. *BIOCULATUM*, 86
- 2,3
COSMARIUM BIOCULATUM
Bréb. var. *DEPRESSUM*
(Schaarschm.) Schmidle
f. *MINUS* Schmidle, 86
- 4
COSMARIUM MONILIFORME
(Turp.) Ralfs, 93
- 5
COSMARIUM MONILIFORME
(Turp.) Ralfs f. *PUNCTATUM*
Lagerh., 94
- 6,7
COSMARIUM ANCEPS Lund.,
85
- 8
COSMARIUM ANCEPS Lund.
f. *ARCTICUM* f. n., 85

- 9-11
*COSMARIUM NORIMBER-
GENSE* Reinsch f. *BOLDTII*
Messik., 94
- 12,13
*COSMARIUM QUADRATU-
LUM* (Gay) de Toni, 100
- 14,15
COSMARIUM EXIGUUM Arch.
var. *SUBRECTANGULUM*
West and West, 88
- 16-18
COSMARUM CAPITULUM
Roy and Biss. var. *GROENLAN-
DICUM* Børges., 86
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*COSMARIUM PSEUDOPRO-
TUBERANS* Kirchn. var. *PSEU-
DOPROTUBERANS*. 98
- 20
*COSMARIUM PSEUDOPRO-
TUBERANS* Kirchn. var. *AL-
PINUM* Racib., 99

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*COSMARIUM PSEUDOPRO-
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SINSKAIAE* Krieg. and Gerl.,
99
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- 23,24
COSMARIUM IMPRESSULUM
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Taft, 93
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COSMARIUM REGNELLII
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COSMARIUM REGNELLII
f. *MINUS* Boldt, 101
- 27
COSMARIUM LAEVE Rabenh.
morpha 1, 93
- 28,29
COSMARIUM LAEVE Rabenh.
morpha 2, 93

Cosmarium pokornyanum (Grun.)
West and West var. *pokornyanum*
morpha
Plate XII, fig. 27

Cells $32-33\ \mu \times 21-24\ \mu$ (1.4-1.5 \times),
isthmus $11-14\ \mu$, thickness $16-17\ \mu$,
wall punctate. Cells differ in being
smaller and relatively shorter.

Habitat

In open water in squeezings from
moss at edge of tarn and creek. July.

Stations

12-r, 50-c.

Cosmarium pokornyanum (Grun.)
West and West var. *groenbladii* För-
ster 1963: 50, pl. I, fig. 18
Plate XII, fig. 28

Cell $34\ \mu \times 19\ \mu$ (1.8 \times), isthmus
 $10\ \mu$, wall finely punctate. Cell dif-
fers in that the sides diverge toward
the apex.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of
tarn. August.

Station

30-r.

Cosmarium pokornyanum (Grun.)
West and West var. *taylorii* Grön-
blad 1952: pl. I, fig. 9
Plate XII, figs. 29, 30

Cells $27-39\ \mu \times 19-24\ \mu$ (1.5-1.7 \times),
isthmus $10-13\ \mu$, thickness $12-15.5\ \mu$,
wall smooth or punctate. Semicells
more pyramidal than trilobed, upper
part with sides converging toward a
broad, shallowly notched apex.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and
bottom of tarns and all sizes of

ponds; more common than the type.
July, August.

Stations

1-r, 4-c, 13-r, 18-r, 21A-c, 30-c,
34-cc, 36-o, 39-r, 42-r, 83-r.

Cosmarium pseudoholmii Borge
1913: 22, pl. II, fig. 21
Plate XV, fig. 2

Cells $58-74\ \mu \times 51-64\ \mu$ (1-1.27 \times),
isthmus $16-30\ \mu$ wide, $3-8\ \mu$ long,
thickness $27-33\ \mu$.

Habitat

Commonest in open water but also
in squeezings from moss at edge of
tarns and permanent ponds; very
common. July.

Stations

1-c, 10-rr, 13-r, 17-rr, 18-rr, 30-o,
34-r, 35-r, 36-cc, 38-r, 39-o, 79-r.

Cosmarium pseudonitidulum Nordst.
var. *validum* West and West
Plate XII, fig. 32

Cells $56-58\ \mu \times 40\ \mu$ (1.4-1.45 \times),
isthmus $20\ \mu$, wall firm and closely
punctate. Cells truncate-elliptic, basal
angles less rounded than in type;
two pyrenoids.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and
from bottom of tarns. July.

Stations

12-r, 30-r.

Cosmarium pseudoprotuberans Kirch-
ner var. *pseudoprotuberans*
Plate XIV, fig. 19

Cells (23) $30-33\ \mu \times$ (21) $25-27\ \mu$,
isthmus (7) $9-12\ \mu$, thickness $18-20\ \mu$,
wall smooth or faintly punctate.

Semicells transversely subhexagonal-elliptic with sides diverging and apex slightly convex; in vertical view tumid. The small specimen seems to form a link between the type and var. *kossinskaiae* Krieg. and Gerl.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of a tarn and mostly permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

21A-c, 31-r, 34-r, 39-r, 55-r, 79-o, 79A-cc.

Cosmarium pseudoprotuberans Kirchner var. *alpinum* Racib.
Plate XIV, fig. 20

Cells $11\ \mu \times 9-12\ \mu$, isthmus $4-5\ \mu$, thickness $5-6\ \mu$, wall smooth. Cells much smaller than type and less swollen in vertical view.

Habitat

From bottom material and in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns. July.

Stations

30-r, 36-r.

Cosmarium pseudoprotuberans Kirchner var. *kossinskaiae* Krieger and Gerloff 1965: 232, pl. 41, fig. 11
Plate XIV, fig. 21

Cells $13-19\ \mu \times 13-17.5\ \mu$, isthmus $4-6\ \mu$, wall smooth or punctate. Cells about one half the size of the type, somewhat swollen in vertical view.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds. July.

Stations

5-o, 12-o, 18-rr, 30-r.

Cosmarium pulcherrimum Nordst. var. *boreale* Nordstedt 1872: 32, pl. VI, fig. 14

Plate XVI, fig. 26

Cells $49-50\ \mu \times 33-36\ \mu$ (1.39-1.45 \times), isthmus $16-17\ \mu$. The Ellesmere plants are somewhat smaller than Nordstedt's but agree well with those found in Franz Josef Land by Kossinskaia (1933: 42, pl. III, fig. 2).

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent pond, and on a mountain slope. July.

Stations

21A-r, D-r.

Cosmarium punctulatum Bréb. var. *punctulatum* f. *arcticum* f.n.
Plate XVI, figs. 5-8

Cellulae $36-45\ \mu$ long., $30-42\ \mu$ lat. (1.05-1.26 \times), $8-14\ \mu$ lat. isth., $17-22.5\ \mu$ crass. *Cellulae maiores, apex magis rotundatus; granula media maiora atque magis applanata, regione levi inter granula media atque intramarginalia ut in var. subpunctulato; pyrenoides una. Specimen typicum apud muscos in stagno permanente num. 28 dicto, d. 11, m. Aug., 1965, a. D.R. Oliver lectum.*

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 67-28-174a, isotype presumably in vial No. A28; both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.

Cells larger, with apex more rounded; median granules larger and flatter, often with a smooth area between them and the intramarginal granules, as in var. *subpunctulatum* (Nordst.) Børgesen; one pyrenoid.

Habitat

Everywhere in tarns and all sizes of ponds; one of the commonest desmids in the Ellesmere collections. June, July, August.

Stations

1-o, 4-r, 6-r, 9-r, 10-r, 12-o, 13-cc, 17-r, 18-c, 19-c, 21A-cc, 21B-r, 28-cc, 30-r, 31-c, 33-o, 34-cc, 35-cc, 36-cc, 38-r, 39-o, 43-r, 78-o, 79-o, 79A-c, B-r.

Cosmarium punctulatum Bréb. var. *subpunctulatum* (Nordst.) Børges.

Plate XVI, figs. 9-11

Cells $28-34 \mu \times 24-31 \mu$ (1-1.24 \times), isthmus $7-11 \mu$, thickness $15-16 \mu$, apex granulate, one pyrenoid.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarns and mostly permanent ponds, also in open water; common and variable. July, August.

Stations

3-r, 4-r, 10-o, 12-c, 13-c, 28-r, 30-cc, 34-c, 35-r, 39-r, 79-o, 79A-r, B-o, C-r.

Cosmarium quadratum (Gay) de Toni 1889: 934

Plate XIV, figs. 12, 13

Cells $14-17 \mu \times 11-14 \mu$ (1.2-1.3 \times), isthmus $4-5 \mu$, wall smooth. This plant closely resembles the *Euastrum insulare* var. *silesiacum* f. *minus* but differs in its broadly ovate ventral view and in the straight lower half of the semicell wall. It differs from the *Cosmarium regnelli* morpha in its broader, not elevated apex.

Habitat

In squeezings from edge and bottom of tarn. July, August.

Station

34-o.

Cosmarium quadratum Ralfs f. **bo-reale** f.n.

Plate XIII, fig. 12

Cellulae 56-73 μ long., 31-40 μ lat. (1.58-1.87 \times), 19-25 μ lat. isth., 24-28 μ crass. *Forma a planta typica differens ut maior crassiorque, nec non sinum clausum atque membranam saepe punctatam habet; latera semicellulae paululum retusa, apex convexus, anguli basales rotundati; pyrenoides duae. Haec forma plantis in materia a locis Alaska, Devon Island et Labrador dictis ab auctore visis similis. Specimen typicum apud muscos in stagno magno permanente num. 19 dicto, d. 25, m. Jul., 1965, a D.R. Oliver lectum.*

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 66-19-141 b, isotype presumably in vial No. A141: both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.

This form differs from the type, and agrees with plants seen by the author in material from Alaska, Labrador and Devon Island, in its generally larger size, stouter proportions, closed sinus and often punctate wall. The sides of the semicells are slightly retuse, the apex is convex and the basal angles rounded, and there are 2 pyrenoids.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom, also in open water of tarns and ponds of all sizes; common but never abundant. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 3-o, 4-o, 5-r, 6-r, 9-r, 11-r, 12-r,

19-r, 28-r, 31-r, 34-r, 35-r, 36-o,
37-r, 38-o, 39-r, 42-o, 79-r, 79A-r.

Cosmarium quadratum Ralfs f. *willei*
West and West
Plate XIII, fig. 13

Cells $55-70\ \mu \times 30-42$ (1.5-1.83 X),
isthmus $18-26\ \mu$, thickness c. $28\ \mu$.
Sides of semicells straight or slightly
convex, wall punctate, 2 pyrenoids.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and
bottom of larger ponds and a tarn.
July.

Stations

13-rr, 21A-o, 28-r, 31-r, 36-o, 38-c,
42-r.

Cosmarium quasillus Lund. morpha
Plate XV, fig. 3

Cells $67-75\ \mu \times 60-65\ \mu$ (1.1-1.2 X),
isthmus $15-19\ \mu$, thickness $33-38\ \mu$.
A form approaching *C. subquasillus*
Boldt (1888: 25, pl. I, fig. 25) in its
less elevated apex and in the bigran-
ulate upper crenae. The Ellesmere
plant forms a link between them,
indicating perhaps that *C. subquasil-
lus* might better be reduced to a va-
riety of *C. quasillus*.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of
tarns. July, August.

Stations

30-c, 36-c.

Cosmarium rectangulare Grun. var.
croasdaleae Förster 1963: 51, pl. I,
fig. 14
Plate XIII, fig. 11

Cells $45-53\ \mu \times 38-44\ \mu$ (1.16-
1.36 X), isthmus $11-18\ \mu$, thickness

$26-32\ \mu$, wall punctate. Semicells
rather rectangular, but with sides di-
verging from isthmus; 2 (rarely 1)
pyrenoids. The Ellesmere plants dif-
fer from Förster's in their larger
size and in the fact that the cell
wall is not especially thickened at
apex and sides, as seen in face view.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and
bottom of mostly permanent ponds
and a tarn. July, August.

Stations

9-r, 13-c, 21A-c, 28-c, 31-o, 33-r,
34-r, 42-o.

Cosmarium regnellii Wille morpha
Plate XIV, fig. 25

Cell $16\ \mu \times 14\ \mu$, isthmus $5\ \mu$, wall
smooth. This plant differs from the
type in its open sinus and somewhat
smaller size, in this respect re-
sembling a plant found by the
author in Devon Island. It differs
from the *C. quadratum* morpha and
the *Euastrum insulare* var. *silesiacum*
f. *minus* in the Ellesmere material,
in its narrower and elevated apex.

Habitat

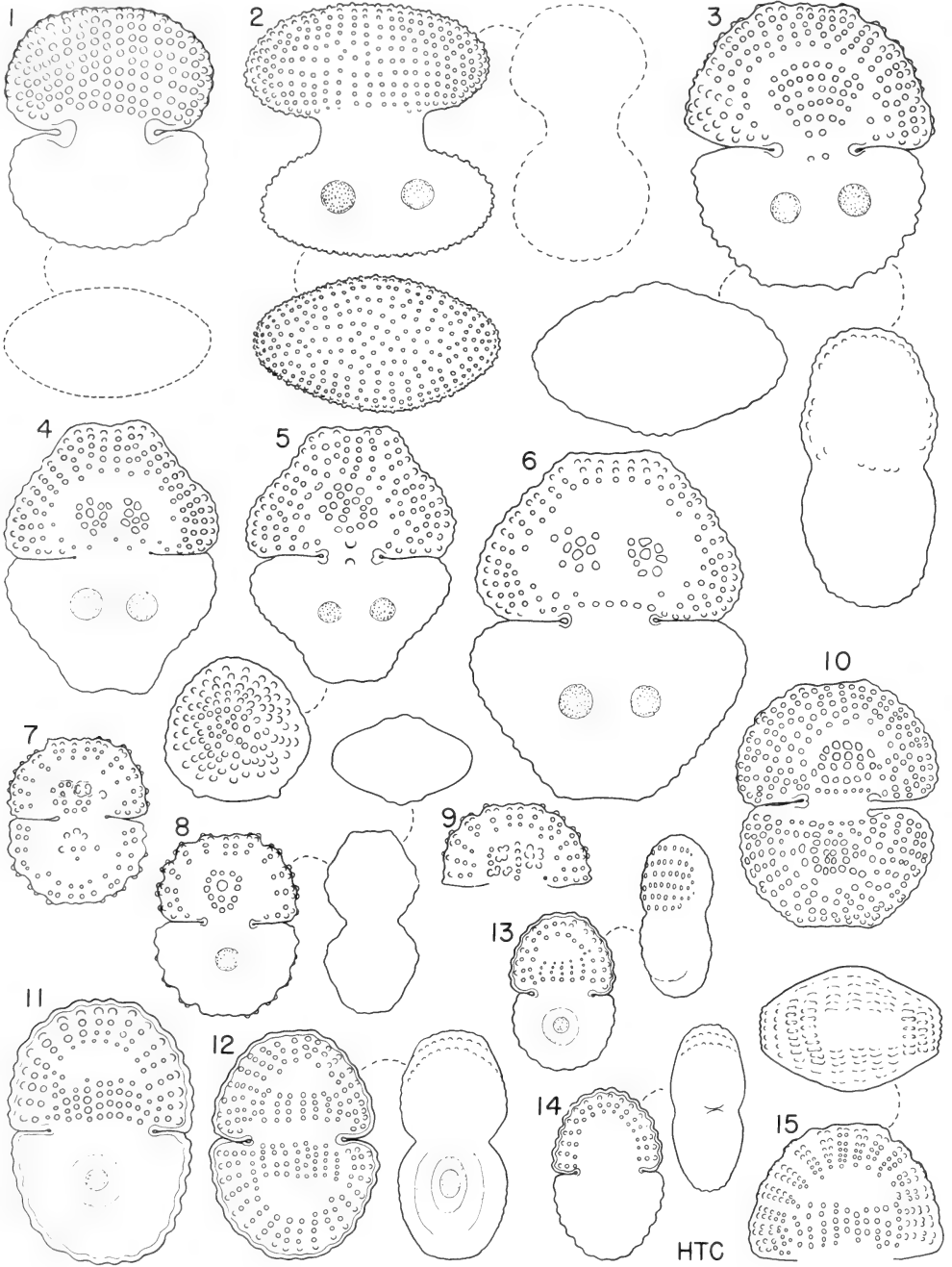
In squeezings from moss at edge of
tarn. August.

Station

12-rr.

Cosmarium regnellii f. *minus* Boldt
1885: 103, pl. V, fig. 8
Plate XIV, fig. 26

Cells $10\ \mu \times 9-10\ \mu$, isthmus $3\ \mu$,
thickness $6\ \mu$, wall smooth. The Elles-
mere plant differs from Boldt's form
in its flatter apex. It is similar to the
plants reported by the author from
Alaska and Labrador.



Habitat

In bottom material and in squeezings from moss at edge of a tarn and permanent pond. June, July.

Stations

4-r, 18-r.

Cosmarium reniforme (Ralfs) Arch.

Plate XV, fig. 1

Cells 56-68 μ \times 49-50 μ (1.14-1.16 \times), isthmus 20-21 μ .

Habitat

With other algae. August.

Station

B-r.

Cosmarium septentrionale sp. n.

Plate XV, figs. 7-9

Cellulae 34-45 μ long, 28-37 μ lat. (1.1-1.25 \times), 9-13 μ lat. isth., 20-24 μ crass. *Semicellulae* depresso-pyramidales, apice truncato, sinu lineari clausoque; margo 4 crenas bigranulatas perspicuas unoquoque in latere atque 4 crenas minores ad apicem praebens; superficies 3 series granulorum radiantes concentricas intra marginem, extimis interdum binis, necnon granula media maiora quasi in circulo, interdum, autem, in ordinibus verticalibus disposita praebens; pyrenoides una; semicellula a vertice visa late ovata, tumorem medium latum habens. Haec species

Plate XV (all $\times 555$)

Figure

1
COSMARIUM RENIFORME
(Ralfs) Arch., 103

2
COSMARIUM PSEUDOHOL-
MII Borge, 98

3
COSMARIUM QUASILLUS
Lund. morpha, 101

4
COSMARIUM TURPINII Bréb.
var. *TURPINII*, 108

5
COSMARIUM TURPINII Bréb.
var. *EXIMIUM* West and West,
108

6
COSMARIUM TURPINII Bréb.
var. *PODOLICUM* Gutw., 109

7-9
COSMARIUM SEPTENTRION-
ALE sp. n., 103

10
COSMARIUM FORMOSULUM
Hoff var. *NATHORSTII* (Boldt)
West and West, 88

11,12
COSMARIUM SPECIOSUM
Lund. var. *SPECIOSUM*, 104

13
COSMARIUM SPECIOSUM
Lund. var. *SPECIOSUM*
f. *MINUS* Först., 105

14
COSMARIUM SPECIOSUM
Lund. var. *SIMPLEX* Nordst.,
105

15
COSMARIUM SPECIOSUM
Lund. var. *BIFORME* Nordst.,
105

C. subcostato satis similis, differens, autem, ut maior et pyrenoidem singulam habet, et semicellula a latere visa protuberationem superiorem praebet. Specimen typicum apud muscos in lacu Skeleton Lake num. 34 dicto, d. 4, m. Jul., 1965, a D. R. Oliver lectum.

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 67-34-23a, isotype presumably in vial No. A23; both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.

Semicells depressed-pyramidal with truncate apex and linear, closed sinus; margin with 4 clearly defined bigranulate crenae on each side and 4 smaller ones at apex; surface showing 3 concentric radiating series of granules within the margin, the outermost ones of which may be paired, and a median group of larger granules arranged roughly in a circle, but also sometimes in vertical rows; one pyrenoid; semicell in vertical view broadly oval with broad median tumour. This species rather resembles *C. subcostatum*, but differs in its larger size, its single pyrenoid, and, in lateral view, in having the median protuberance higher.

Included in this species should be the *C. subcostatum* Nordst. forma from Alaska (Croasdale 1956: 53, pl. 15, figs. 21-23), and probably also, because of the larger size (although no mention is made of the chloroplast number), the forms of *C. subcostatum* shown by Taylor (1934: 226, pl. 55, fig. 12) from Newfoundland, and by Skuja (1964: 221, pl. 39, fig. 3) from Abisko (Lapland).

Habitat

Once from open water, but mostly in squeezings from moss at edge of

tarns and permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

3-r, 4-r, 5-o, 12-o, 30-c, 34-cc, 36-r, 38-r, 39-r, C-r.

Cosmarium sexnotatum Gutw. var. *tristriatum* (Lütkemüller) Schmidle
Plate XVI, figs. 15-17

Cells $22-27\ \mu \times 20-27\ \mu$, isthmus $6-10\ \mu$, thickness $13-15\ \mu$. Semicells pyramidal with 4-crenate sides converging rather sharply to a flattened 4-crenate apex; crenae on sides truncate to bigranulate; median tumour bearing 3 to 5 (usually 3) elongate granules, each with a smaller granule below it; sinus linear, closed.

Habitat

In all wet situations but usually in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds; very common. June, July, August.

Stations

3-r, 4-r, 5-r, 12-cc, 13-o, 18-o, 21A-r, 30-r, 32-r, 34-cc, 35-o, 35A-o, 36-cc, 39-o, 78-rr, 79A-r, C-r.

Cosmarium speciosum Lund. var. *speciosum*
Plate XV, figs. 11, 12

Cells $50-66\ \mu \times 28-47\ \mu$ ($1.3-1.67 \times$), isthmus $14-27\ \mu$, thickness $19-29\ \mu$. Semicells pyramidal with flattened apex; margin crenate, granules in concentric and radial rows within margin, also in vertical rows above the broad isthmus; in vertical view elliptic.

Habitat

Once in open water but mostly in

squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarns, all sizes of ponds and in creeks; very common. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 4-r, 6-r, 10A-r, 12-o, 21A-o, 28-o, 30-o, 31-r, 33-r, 34-c, 35-o, 36-r, 37-r, 38-r, 39-r, 42-c, 50-cc, 76-r, 78-r, 79-r, 79A-r.

Cosmarium speciosum Lund. var. *speciosum* f. *minus* Förster 1965b: 48, pl. IV, fig. 14
Plate XV, fig. 13

Cells 40-50 μ \times 19-32 μ (1.48-1.65 \times), isthmus 14-19 μ , thickness c. 18 μ . The Ellesmere plants are somewhat larger than Förster's form.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and a permanent pond. July, August.

Stations

30-c, 31-o, 34-c, 36-o.

Cosmarium speciosum Lund. var. *biforme* Nordst.
Plate XV, fig. 15

Cells 55-70 μ \times 39-54 μ (1.33-1.6 \times), isthmus 25-27 μ , thickness 25-31 μ . Differs from type in the larger size, in having all but the lowest crenae bigranulate and the intramarginal granules paired; tumid in vertical view.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, bottom and shore of tarns and permanent ponds, once in a creek. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 12-r, 27-r, 28-o, 30-c, 31-r,

34-r, 35-r, 36-r, 39-r, 50-r, 79-o, B-r.

Cosmarium speciosum Lund. var. *simplex* Nordst.
Plate XV, fig. 14

Cells 35-57 μ \times 23-41 μ (1.37-1.65 \times), isthmus 12-24 μ , thickness 16-22 μ . Semicells rather small with apices rounded and tapered, all crenations and granules simple, vertical series of granules above isthmus very indistinct or absent.

Habitat

In all kinds of wet places, but mostly in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and all sizes of ponds, and a creek. July, August.

Stations

1-r, 3-r, 4-r, 9-o, 10-rr, 12-c, 13-o, 18-r, 27-r, 30-c, 34-r, 36-r, 37-r, 39-r, 42-o, 49A-r, 50-c, 50A-r, 79-o.

Cosmarium subcrenatum Hantzsch var. *isthmochondrum* Messikommer 1938: 179, pl. V, fig. 69
Plate XVI, figs. 18-20

Cells 32-36 μ \times 25-28 μ (1.27-1.28 \times), isthmus 8-9 μ . Differs from var. *subcrenatum* in its slightly protracted apex and supraisthmial papilla; one pyrenoid.

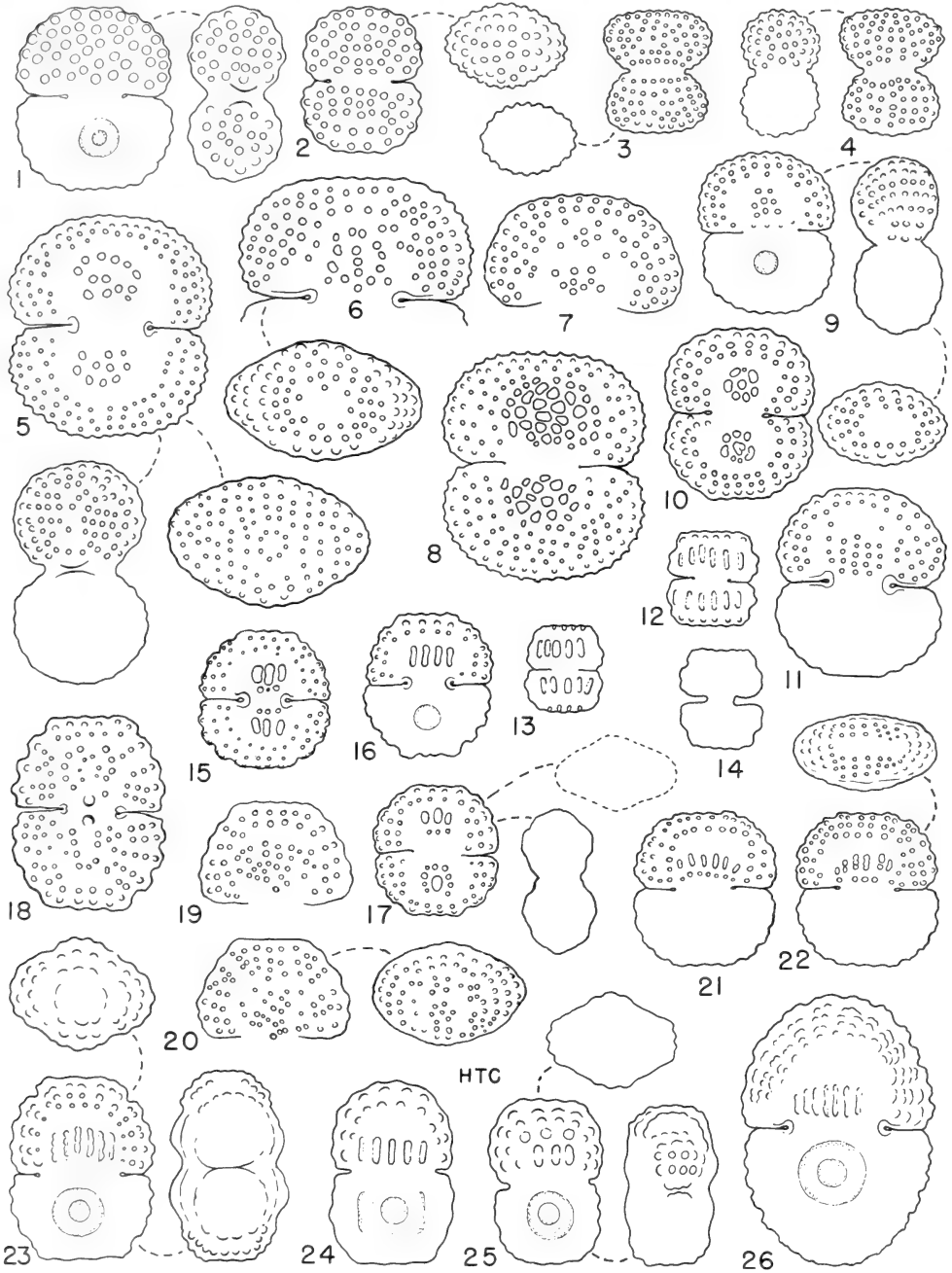
Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns. July, August.

Stations

12-r, 34-r, B-r.

Cosmarium subcucumis Schmidle f. *boreale* Croasdale 1956: 53, pl. IV, figs. 2, 3 morpha
Plate XII, fig. 12



Cells 59-65 μ \times 36-42 μ (1.55-1.64 \times), isthmus 21-23 μ . Cells large, broadly elliptic, sinus linear, apex convex; wall smooth or finely punctate; 2 pyrenoids. Differs from type in broader isthmus and closed sinus.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss in tarn, and on shore of permanent pond. July.

Stations

34-r, 79-r.

Cosmarium subeductum Gutw. var. **oliveri** var. n.

Plate XVIII, figs. 1, 2

Cellulae 48-70 μ long., 31-43 μ lat. (1.36-1.67 \times), 11-22 μ lat. isth., 24-32 μ crass. Cellulae aliquanto maiores atque relative longiores quam plantae typicae, apice rotundato elevatoque; margo crenatus, ordine 3-4 granulorum magnorum ab omni crena versus partem semicel-

lulae mediam inornatam extendente praeditus; semicellula a vertice visa late elliptica. Planta similis in collectionibus ex Insula Devonis ab auctore reperta. Specimen typicum apud muscos in lacu num. 10 dicto, d. 21, m. Jul., 1965. a D.R. Oliver lectum.

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 66-10-71a, isotype presumably in vial No. A71; both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa. This variety is named in honour of Dr. D. R. Oliver, who made most of the collections upon which this paper is based.

Cells considerably larger and relatively longer than the type, with rounded elevated apex; margin crenate, with a row of 3 to 4 large granules extending from each crena toward the unornamented middle of the semicell; wall thick; semicell in vertical view broadly elliptic. A si-

Plate XVI (all \times 730)

Figure	12-14	23
1,2	<i>COSMARIUM HUMILE</i> (Gay)	<i>COSMARIUM COSTATUM</i>
<i>COSMARIUM PLANOGRANATUM</i> Croasd., 95	Nordst. var. <i>LACUSTRE</i> Taylor, 93	Nordst. f. <i>MINUS</i> Boldt, 88
3,4	15-17	24,25
<i>COSMARIUM WITTROCKII</i> Lund., 109	<i>COSMARIUM SEXNOTATUM</i> Gutw. var. <i>TRISTRIATUM</i> (Lütkem.) Schmidle, 104	<i>COSMARIUM CRENATUM</i> Ralfs, 88
5-8	18-20	26
<i>COSMARIUM PUNCTULATUM</i> Bréb. var. <i>PUNCTULATUM</i> f. ARCTICUM f. n., 99	<i>COSMARIUM SUBCRENATUM</i> Hantzsch var. <i>ISTHMOCHONDRUM</i> Messik., 105	<i>COSMARIUM PULCHERRIMUM</i> Nordst. var. <i>BOREALE</i> Nordst., 99
9-11	21,22	
<i>COSMARIUM PUNCTULATUM</i> Bréb. var. <i>SUBPUNCTULATUM</i> (Nordst.) Børges., 100	<i>COSMARIUM NORWEGICUM</i> Strøm, 94	

milar plant was found by the author in collections from Devon Island.

Habitat

Once taken from open water, but mostly in squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarns and large ponds. June, July.

Stations

1-r, 9-r, 10-rr, 12-c, 18-r, 30-c, 34-c, 36-r, 39-o, 42-o.

Cosmarium subgranatum (Nordst.) Lütkem.

Plate XII, fig. 25

Cells 21-33 μ \times 14-25 μ (1.3-1.6 \times), isthmus 3-9 μ , thickness 10-14.5 μ .

Habitat

Principally in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and large ponds; variable and very common. June, July, August.

Stations

5-c, 12-c, 13-cc, 30-r, 32-cc, 33-r, 34-r, 36-o, 39-o, 79-c.

Cosmarium subtumidum Nordst. var. *groenbladii* Croasd. in Croasdale and Grönblad 1964: 187, pl. XI, figs. 26, 27

Plate XII, fig. 31

Cell 44 μ \times 40 μ , isthmus 13 μ , thickness 26 μ , wall punctate. Semicells more depressed than those of type, and more tumid in ventral view.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent pond. July.

Station

13-r.

Cosmarium tetraophthalmum Bréb.

Plate XVII, fig. 1

Cells 94-99 μ \times 60-66 μ (1.45-1.5 \times), isthmus 23-25 μ . Cells large, semicells pyramide-ovate with narrow isthmus; wall coarsely granulate, granules becoming smaller and disappearing toward the middle of the cell; wall punctate between the granules; 2 pyrenoids.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns. July, August.

Stations

30-r, 35-r.

Cosmarium turpinii Bréb. var. *turpinii*

Plate XV, fig. 4

Cells 65-67 μ \times 50-52 μ (1.3 \times), isthmus 12-17 μ . Semicells pyramide-trapeziform, coarsely granular, with 2 median tumours. This form has the apex more excavate than in the type. Thomasson (1962: 455, fig. 6) shows a plant with even deeper apical excavation, but otherwise quite different, having relatively greater length and fewer marginal granules.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn and permanent pond. July.

Stations

34-r, 39-r.

Cosmarium turpinii Bréb. var. *eximium* West and West.

Plate XV, fig. 5

Cells 52-68 μ \times 47-55 μ (1.1-1.3 \times), isthmus 12-17 μ , apex c. 21 μ , thick-

ness c. $27-35\ \mu$. A smaller plant, semicells with a single median tumour, and with a single large granule at isthmus.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds; the commonest variety of this species in the Ellesmere collections. July, August.

Stations

12-r, 13-c, 30-r, 34-o, 35-r, 36-r, 39-r, B-o.

Cosmarium turpinii Bréb. var. *podolicum* Gutw.

Plate XV, fig. 6

Cells $84-85\ \mu \times 67\ \mu$ (1.25-1.27 X), isthmus c. $22\ \mu$. Cells larger than type, semicells with 2 to 3 emarginate to bigranular crenations below the apex.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarn. July, August.

Station

34-r.

Cosmarium tyrolicum (Nordst.) Krieger and Gerloff 1962: 47, pl. XII, fig. 12 (*C. cymatopleurum* Nordst. var. *tyrolicum* Nordst.)

Plate XIII, fig. 9

Cells $112-115\ \mu \times 74-80\ \mu$ (1.4-1.5 X), isthmus $30-37\ \mu$, wall relatively thick. Two specimens seen.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at the edge and bottom of large ponds. July.

Stations

33-r, 42-r.

Cosmarium undulatum Corda var. *alaskanum* Croasdale 1956: 58, pl. III, fig. 8

Plate XII, fig. 11

Cells $30-33\ \mu \times 23-25\ \mu$ (1.3-1.4 X), isthmus $6-8$ (12) μ , wall smooth. Outline of cells in face view very similar to var. *alaskanum*, but cells smaller; other views not seen.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds and a tarn. July, August.

Stations

4-o, 34-o, 79-r.

Cosmarium wittrockii Lund.

Plate XVI, figs. 3, 4

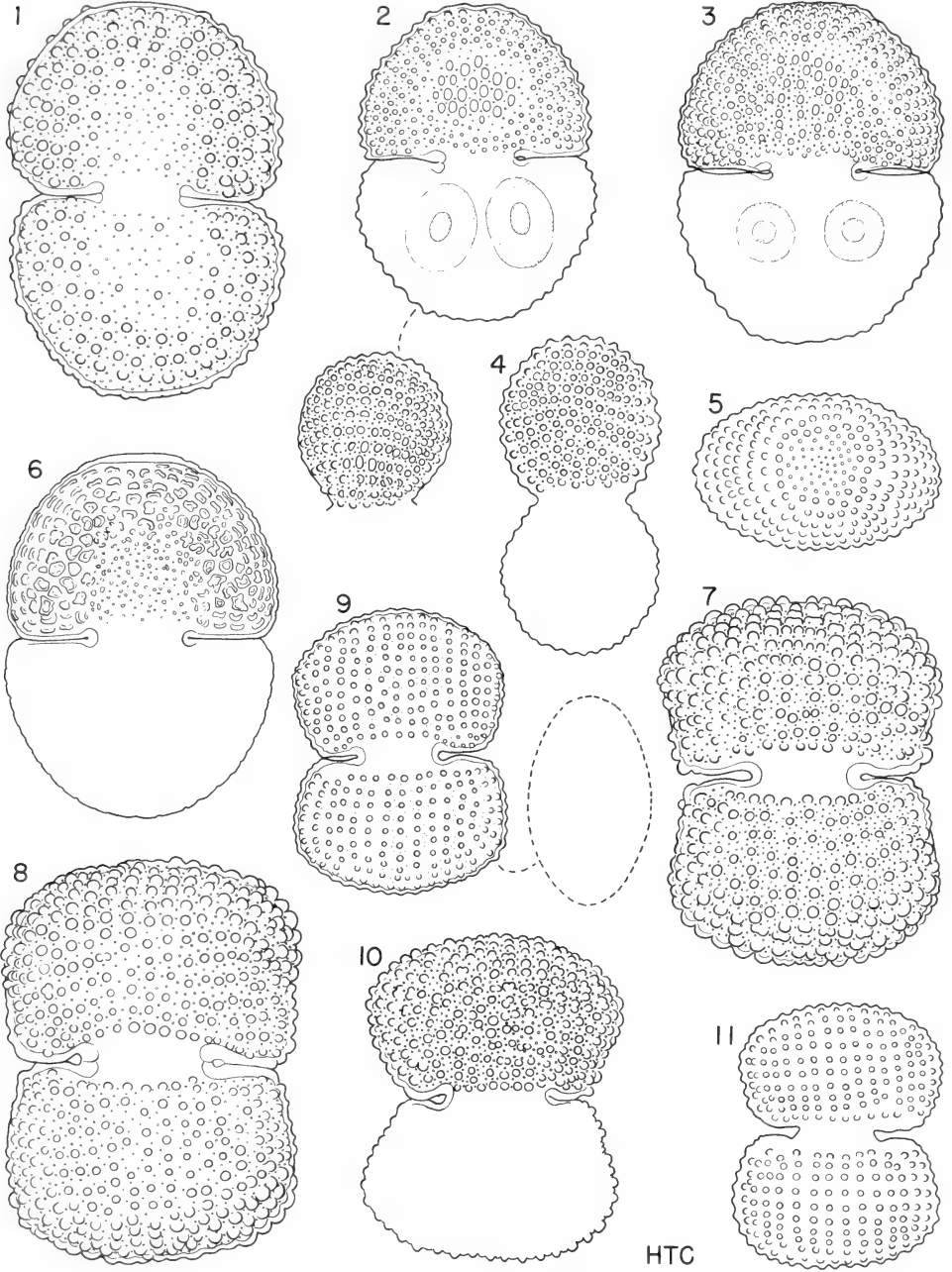
Cells $18-24\ \mu \times 16-20.5\ \mu$ (1.12-1.3 X), isthmus $8-11\ \mu$, thickness $12-15\ \mu$. Cells transversely subelliptic, with greatest breadth near the apex of the cell; wall with relatively large granules in irregular horizontal and vertical series.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss, principally at edge but also from bottom of tarns and permanent ponds; common. July, August.

Stations

3-o, 4-o, 13-r, 21A-c, 28-o, 30-r, 34-o, 35-r, 36-r, 38-r, 79-r.



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 STAURODESMUS Teiling 1948

Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Lateral angles bluntly rounded *S. pachyrhynchus*
 1 Lateral angles acute *S. spetsbergensis*
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Staurodesmus pachyrhynchus (Nordstedt) Teiling 1967: 499, pl. III, figs. 9-11 var. *pachyrhynchus*
 Plate XVIII, fig. 4

Cells 38-40 μ \times 36-39 μ , isthmus 9-10 μ , wall smooth. Semicell subelliptic with angles blunt and somewhat knob-like, isthmus narrow, sinus acute and open.

Habitat

In open water of tarn. July.

Station

36-r.

Staurodesmus pachyrhynchus (Nordstedt) Teil. var. *pseudopachyrhynchus* (Wolle) Teiling 1967: 501, pl. III, fig. 17
 Plate XVIII, figs. 5, 6

Cells 30-36 μ \times 26-30 μ , isthmus 5-8 μ , wall smooth. Differs in that it has a more elongated isthmus and lateral angles that are not knob-like.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at bottom of tarn. August.

Station

34-r.

Staurodesmus spetsbergensis (Nordstedt) Teiling 1967: 496, f. *evoluta* Teiling 1967: 496, pl. II, figs. 10, 11
 Plate XVIII, fig. 3

Cells 34-42 μ \times 31-40 μ , isthmus 10-13 μ , wall punctate. Semicells in front view broadly cup-shaped, the ventral margins more curved than the apex, the lateral angles acute and thickened.

Habitat

In open water and in squeezings from moss at edge and bottom of tarn, also in a seepage area. July, August.

Stations

30-cc, 35A-r, 36-c.

 Plate XVII (all X 555)

Figure

1	7-8	11
<i>COSMARIUM TETRAOPHTHALMUM</i> Bréb., 108	<i>COSMARIUM CONSPERSUM</i> Ralfs var. <i>CONSPERSUM</i> f. DICKIEI comb. n., 87	<i>COSMARIUM CONSPERSUM</i> Ralfs var. <i>LATUM</i> (Bréb.) West and West f. <i>PARVUM</i> Croasd., 88
2-5	9	
<i>COSMARIUM HORNAVANENSE</i> Gutw. var. <i>ARCTICUM</i> Croasd., 92	<i>COSMARIUM CONSPERSUM</i> Ralfs var. <i>CONSPERSUM</i> f. <i>MINUS</i> Racib., 87	
6	10	
<i>COSMARIUM OCHTHODES</i> Nordst. var. <i>AMOEBUM</i> W. West, 95	<i>COSMARIUM CONSPERSUM</i> Ralfs var. <i>LATUM</i> (Bréb.) West and West morpha, 87	

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Key to the species found on Ellesmere Island

- 1 Lateral margins of semicells not extended into processes 2
- 1 Lateral margins of semicells extended into processes 7
 - 2 Wall smooth or punctate *S. muticum*
 - 2 Wall granular, spinose or verrucose 3
- 3 Semicells with 2 (rarely 1) horizontal circles of large verrucae, sinus a notch *S. rhabdophorum*
- 3 Semicells ornamented with granules, spines or small verrucae 4
 - 4 Cells large (more than 45 μ broad), surface covered with small spines *S. brebissonii*
 - 4 Wall ornamented with granules or verrucae 5
- 5 Ornamentation consisting of few circles of granules at angles only *S. varians*
- 5 Ornamentation extending over whole surface of semicell 6
 - 6 Ornamentation consisting of simple granules *S. punctulatum*
 - 6 Ornamentation consisting of verrucae or of granules grouped in twos and threes *S. scabrum*
- 7 Semicells with spines at apex *S. oxyacanthum*
- 7 Semicells without spines at apex 8
 - 8 Cells mostly more than 30 μ long, processes horizontal *S. borgeanum*
 - 8 Cells mostly less than 30 μ long, processes converging *S. cyrtocerum*

Staurastrum borgeanum Schmidle 1898: 60, pl. III, fig. 7
Plate XVIII, fig. 21

isthmus. Quite similar to forms seen in material from Cape Thompson, Alaska.

Cells 40-44 μ \times 44-50 μ , isthmus 15-16 μ . Semicells fusiform, extending into short processes tipped with 4 short spines; in face view with verrucae on dorsal margin, and granules in short vertical row across the face of the semicell and in an indistinct circle above the isthmus; in vertical view with regular intramarginal verrucae. Cells sometimes twisted at

Habitat

On shore and in squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and a permanent pond. July, August.

Stations

34-r, 36-c, 79-o.

Staurastrum borgeanum Schmidle
morpha

Plate XVIII, fig. 22

Cells 33-43 μ \times (32) 37-43 μ , isthmus 10-13 μ . Cells somewhat smaller and more compact than the type, with the ornamentation slightly reduced, consisting more of granules than verrucae.

Habitat

In open water and in squeezings from moss at edge, bottom and shore of tarns, ponds of all sizes and a creek. July, August.

Stations

6-r, 21B-r, 27-r, 30-r, 31-r, 50-r, 79-o, 79A-r.

Staurastrum brebissonii Arch.

Plate XVIII, figs. 13, 14

Cells 44-57 μ \times 48-65 μ , isthmus 13-21 μ . Cells large, broader than long; semicells trapeziform-elliptic with elevated, sometimes truncate apex, and acute wide-open sinus; wall covered with short spines. Semicell in vertical view with sides slightly concave; cell outline quite variable.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds, a temporary pond and a lake. July.

Stations

9-r, 18-rr, 21A-r, 31-r, A-r.

Staurastrum cyrtocerum Bréb.

Plate XVIII, figs. 17, 18

Cells 24-30 (38) μ \times 26-38 (41) μ , isthmus 7-8 μ . Cells small, usually somewhat twisted at isthmus. Semi-

cells cup-shaped with ventral margin more tumid than the dorsal; processes converging, shorter than body of semicell, in vertical view often seen to be bent in one direction. Semicells in vertical view ornamented with 1 to 2 pairs of granules between the processes; in face view smooth above the isthmus. This form resembles plants seen in material collected in Alaska (Croasdale 1957: 143, figs. 102, 103).

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, bottom and shore of tarns and mostly permanent ponds; the commonest *Staurastrum* in the collections. July, August.

Stations

3-r, 4-r, 5-r, 12-c, 13-c, 21A-o, 27-r, 30-c, 31-r, 33-r, 34-o, 35-r, 36-r, 39-r, 55-o, 79-c, 79A-o.

Staurastrum cyrtocerum Bréb. morpho

Plate XVIII, figs. 19, 20

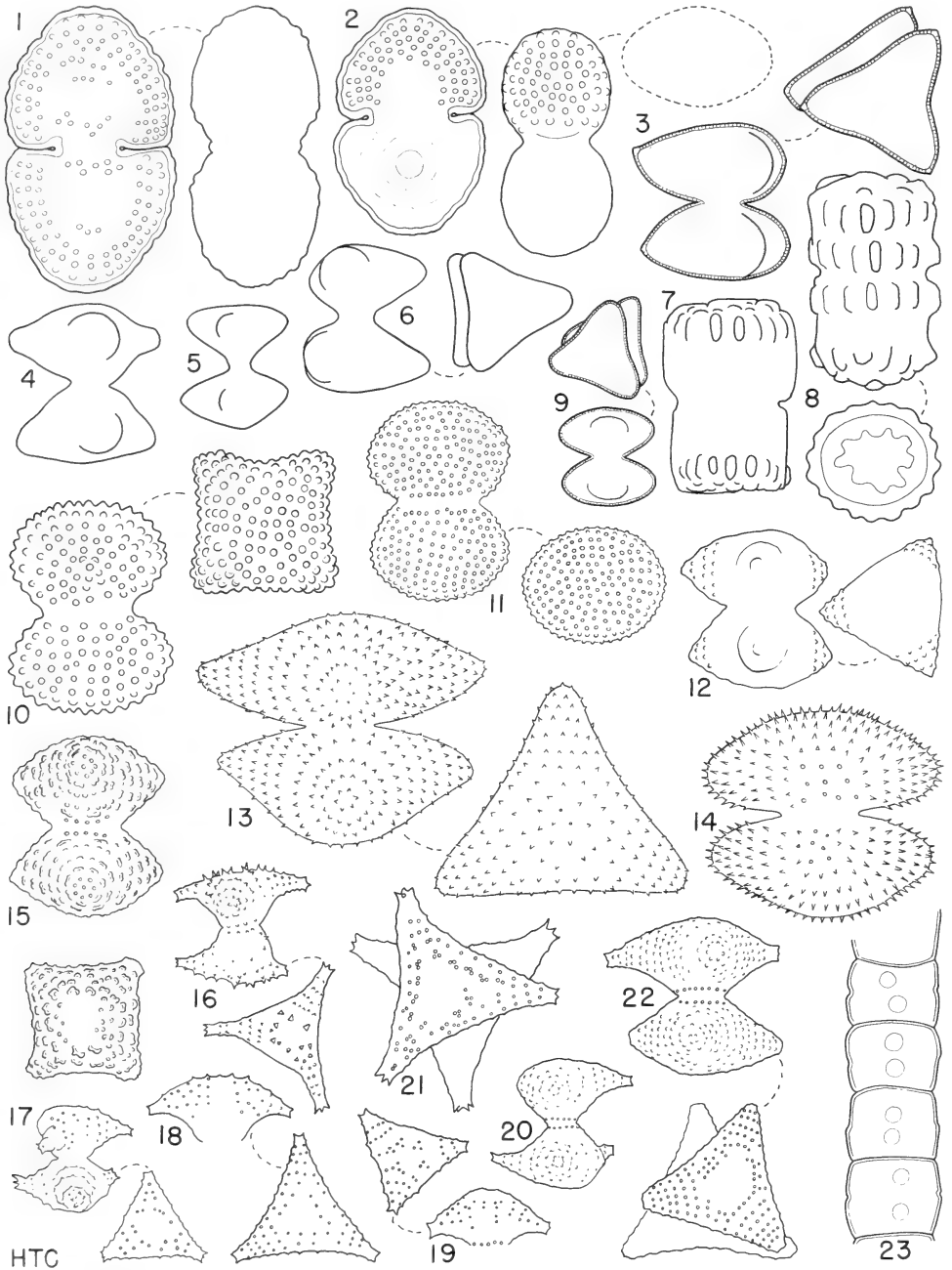
Cells 25-32 μ \times 27-35 μ , isthmus 7-8 μ . Similar to the preceding form but with a circle of granules above the isthmus. Plants like these were seen by the author in material from Devon Island.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarns and permanent ponds. July, August.

Stations

12-rr, 13-o, 33-rr, 34-r, 36-r.



Staurastrum muticum Bréb.

Plate XVIII, fig. 9

Cells 22-27 μ \times 20-27 μ , isthmus 5-8 μ , wall smooth or punctate. Semicells elliptic with rounded angles, sinus acute and open; in apical view with concave sides and rounded angles.

Habitat

In squeezings from mosses at edge of tarns. July, August.

Stations

34-cc, 35-c, 36-c.

Staurastrum oxyacanthum Arch. var.

sibericum Boldt 1885: 119, pl. VI, fig. 40

Plate XVIII, fig. 16

Cells 30 μ \times 34-36 μ , isthmus c.

10 μ . Cells superficially resembling *S. cyrtoceram* Bréb., which is very common in this material, but differing in having the processes longer, more sharply delimited from the body and in the presence of apical spines. The Ellesmere plants resemble a form of Borge (1906: 48, pl. III, fig. 40) in having these spines intramarginal.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of tarn and permanent pond. July, August.

Stations

13-o, 34-r, B-r.

Plate XVIII (all \times 555)

Figure	9	16
1,2	<i>STAUSTRUM MUTICUM</i>	<i>STAUSTRUM OXYACANTHUM</i> Arch. var. <i>SIBERICUM</i>
<i>COSMARIUM SUBDUCTUM</i>	Bréb., 115	Boldt, 115
Gutw. var. OLIVERI var. n., 107	10	17,18
3	<i>STAUSTRUM PUNCTULATUM</i> Bréb. var. <i>KJELLMANI</i>	<i>STAUSTRUM CYRTOCERUM</i> Bréb., 113
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<i>STAUSTRUM RHABDOPHORUM</i> Nordst. (after Whelden 1947), 116	<i>STAUSTRUM BREBISSONII</i> Arch., 113	23
	15	<i>HYALOTHECA DISSILIENS</i> (J.E. Smith) Bréb., 117
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Staurastrum punctulatum Bréb. var. *kjellmani* Wille morpho 1
Plate XVIII, fig. 10

Cells $45-50\ \mu \times 35-40\ \mu$ ($1.25-1.4\times$), isthmus c. $20\ \mu$, wall evenly granulate with very large granules. Semicells subrhomboid-elliptic, with wide-open sinus, in vertical view 4-angled. Kossinskaia (1933: 44, pl. IV, fig. 5) and Förster (1965a; 157, pl. 8, fig. 22), and two of the author's collections, all from the Arctic, show similar large-granulate forms.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent ponds and a tarn. July.

Stations

30-r, 39-r, 55-r, 79-r.

Staurastrum punctulatum Bréb.
var. *kjellmani* Wille morpho 2
Plate XVIII, fig. 11

Cells $50-52\ \mu \times 30-36\ \mu$ ($1.43-1.44\times$), isthmus $20-21\ \mu$, thickness $27-29\ \mu$. Cells in outline similar to the variety in face view but differing in vertical view, which is broadly elliptic; granules small and irregularly arranged except for a supra-isthmial row; chloroplast not seen. Six cells were seen, all 2-radiate; 4-radiate specimens were found only in the large-granulate form. Although superficially this resembles a *Cosmarium* it seems to come closer to *Staurastrum* in its general appearance in face view, particularly the sharp-angled, wide-open sinus, and in the irregular granulation. Compare *Cosmarium trachydermum* West and West var. *ellipticum* West and West 1907: 206, pl. XV, fig. 18, which, however, has a narrower sinus and more compressed cells.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge of permanent pond. July.

Station

21A-o.

Staurastrum rhabdophorum Nordst.
Plate XVIII, figs. 7, 8

Cells $47.5-50\ \mu \times 31.5-35\ \mu$, isthmus $25-26\ \mu$. Semicells subquadrate, with 2 (more rarely 1) rows of elongate verrucae across the face and a marginal row of verrucae on the truncate apex. All verrucae are more rounded than shown in the type.

Habitat

"In abundance in a tangle of sterile *Zygnema*". September.

Station

E-cc ("On an island in a glacier at Craig Harbour", reported by Whelden 1947: 110, pl. VII, fig. 1).

Staurastrum scabrum Bréb. f. **boldtii**
f.n.

Plate XVIII, fig. 15

Cellulae 41-42 μ long., 35-37 μ lat., 13-14 μ lat. isth. *Cellulae* *magnae*, *perornatae*, *4-radiatae*; *quasi omnia granula bina ternaque coalescentia fere super faciem marginemque. Specimen typicum in lacu Skeleton Lake num. 34 dicto, d. 20, m. Jun., 1962, a D.R. Oliver lectum.*

Holotype

On microscope slide No. 64-6b, isotype presumably in vial No. 62-6, both deposited in the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Ottawa.

Cells large, 4-radiate; nearly all granules united in two and threes over

most of the face and margin. This large, highly ornamented, 4-radiate form most closely resembles that described from Greenland by Boldt (1888: 39, pl. II, fig. 50).

Habitat

With other algae in a tarn. June.

Station

34-r.

lateral angles usually ending in a point or knob, sinus open and sharp; granules in circles around the angles, middle area of semicell smooth; sides of semicells in vertical view straight or slightly convex.

Habitat

In squeezings from moss at edge, bottom and shore of tarns and large ponds. July, August.

Stations

12-rr, 36-c, 39-r, 42-r, 79-o.

Staurastrum varians Raciborski
1885: 86, pl. 12, fig. 1 (including
var. *badense* Schmidle 1894: 554,
pl. 28, fig. 16, see Messikommer
1957: 560)
Plate XVIII, fig. 12

Cells $36-38\ \mu \times 33-36\ \mu$, isthmus 15-
17 (21) μ . Semicells ellipsoid with

HYALOTHECA Ehrenberg 1840

Hyalotheca dissiliens (J. E. Smith)
Bréb.
Plate XVIII, fig. 23

Cells $15-20\ \mu \times 25\ \mu$, isthmus 22-
23 μ . Only one filament seen.

Habitat

In open water of a tarn. July.

Station

36-rr.

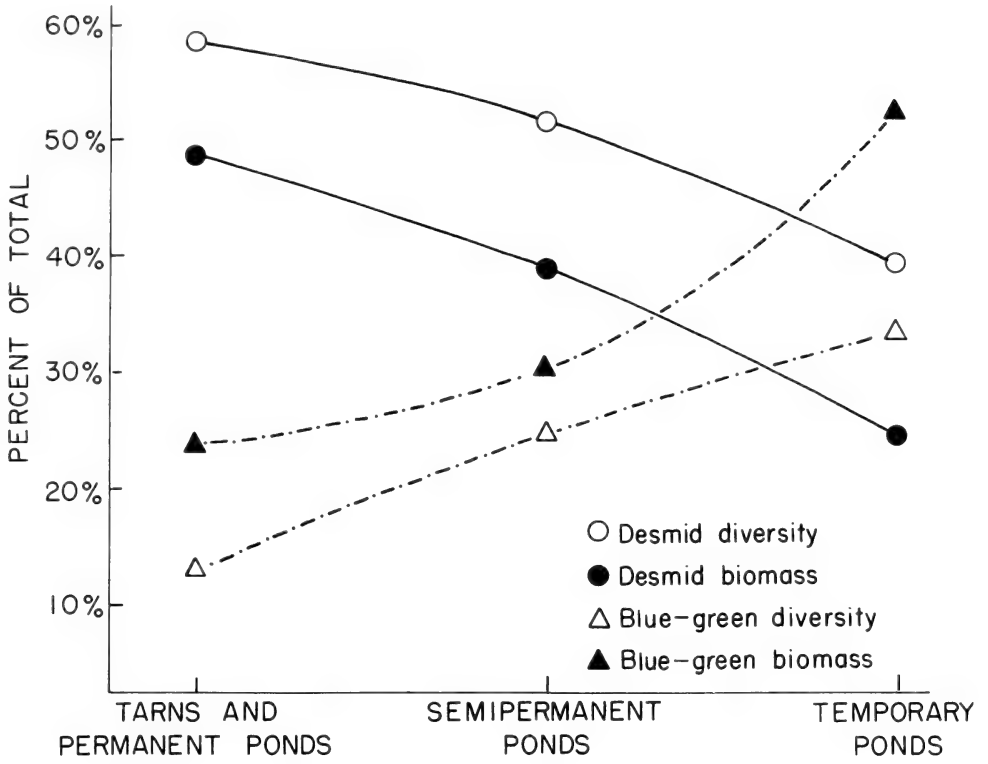
Appendix A

Table 1: Stations on Ellesmere Island from which collections were made (Data from Oliver and Corbet 1966)*

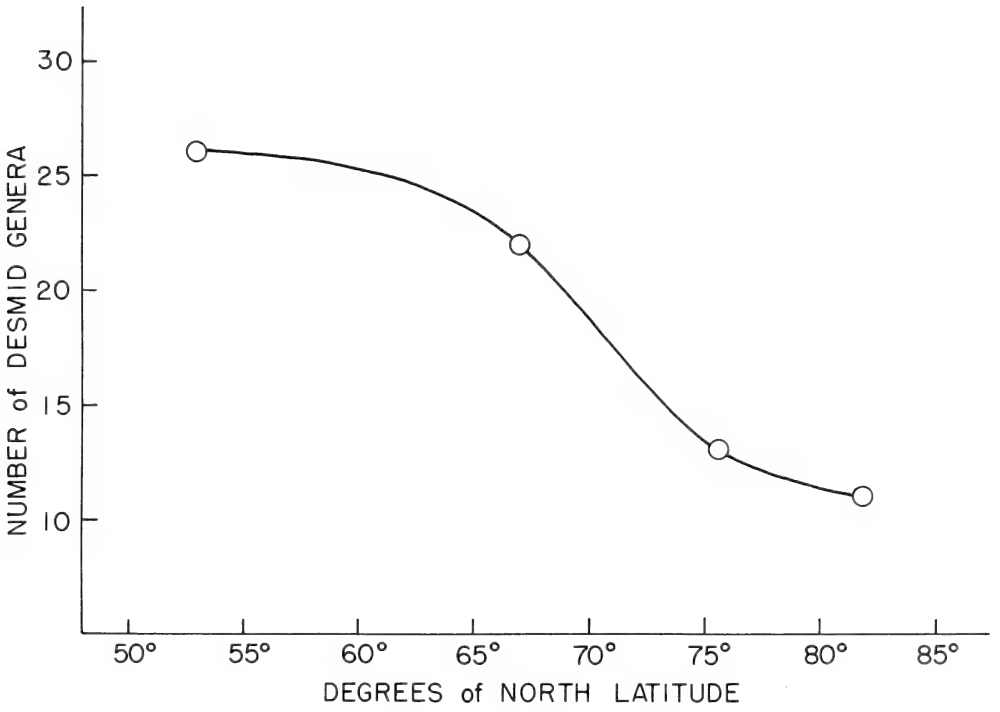
No.	Type of Habitat	Location on Map 2	Elevation in Metres	Max. Size in Metres	Max. Depth in cm	pH
1	Permanent pond	P 11	160	61 x 39	c. 68	7.2-8.3
2	Temporary pond	N 11	160	c. 30 x 15	54	7.5-8.2
3-5	Permanent ponds	N 12	158	160 x 56	48	7.2-8.7
6	Temporary pond	P 11	158	110 x 40	34	7.4-8.7
9	Temporary pond	P 11	160	23 x 38	35	6.8-8.1
10	Tarn	NP 6	235	280 x 100	c. 300	7.6-8.7
10A	Stream from 10	N 7				
11	Semipermanent pond	M 10	c. 183	c. 76 x 20	c. 34	6.9-8.1
12	Tarn	L 2	415	140 x 70	c. 206	7.3-8.3
13	Permanent pond	L 3	404	60 x 30	c. 98	7.5-8.4
17	Permanent pond	A 16	189	120 x 22	c. 50	7.1-8.9
18	Permanent pond	B 15	191	c. 50 x 20	c. 89	7.5-8.6
19	Permanent pond	Q 7-8	175	c. 100 x 58	c. 59	7.9-8.1
21A	Permanent pond	Q 5	242	18 x 12	c. 43	7.5-7.9
21B	Permanent pond	Q 5	242	30 x 22	c. 47	7.7-8.0
21C	Permanent pond	Q 5	242	c. 13 x 5	c. 48	7.8-8.1
25	Temporary pond	R 6	189	c. 58 x 20	42	7.5-8.5
26	Temporary pond	R 7	181	c. 53 x 43	36	8.2-8.5
27	Temporary pond	T 6	189	c. 30 x 13	26	7.5-8.5
28	Permanent pond	T 6	181	c. 30 x 25	c. 63	7.8-8.4
30	Tarn	MN 1-2	390	c. 123 x 50	c. 213	7.2-8.5
31	Permanent pond	M 2	390	c. 66 x 27	c. 61	7.7-8.2
32	Semipermanent pond	G 9-10	334	c. 40 x 20	c. 93	7.9-9.5
32A	Temporary pond	G 10				
33	Permanent pond	D 9	311	c. 41 x 33	c. 37	7.5-8.2
34	Tarn (Skeleton L.)	F 9	296	c. 180 x 180	425	7.4-8.4
35	Tarn	F 9	296	c. 100 x 43	240	7.6-8.2
35A	Seepage area	F 9				
36	Tarn	G 8	296	c. 47 x 40	280	7.2-8.0
37	Temporary pond	P 11	160	c. 30 x 16	36	7.3-7.9
38	Permanent pond	P 11	160	c. 20 x 20	c. 40	7.3-8.1
39	Permanent pond	K 3	404	c. 41 x 23	72	7.6-8.4
42	Semipermanent pond	E 10	296	c. 41 x 20	c. 34	7.4-8.1
43	Temporary pond	E 10	296	c. 77 x 30	18	7.1-8.1
49	Stream (Blister Creek)	C 12+				
49A	Wet areas near 49					
50	Stream (Skeleton Creek)	K 8+				
50A	Wet areas near 50					
51	Stream	R 4+				
54	Temporary pond	R 5	c. 242	c. 5 x 3	c. 60	
55	Permanent pond	R 5	c. 242	c. 10 x 3	c. 107	
67	Temporary pond	M 11	c. 171	c. 11 x 6	c. 91	8.1
71	Semipermanent pond	Q 5	242	20 x 2	c. 76	
76	Semipermanent pond	K 3	c. 415		c. 37	
77	Semipermanent pond	T 5	c. 198	c. 9 x 6	c. 56	
78	Permanent pond	C 9	c. 326	c. 200 x 40	c. 50	8.3
79	Permanent pond	C 8	c. 366			
79A	Small pond	C 8				
80	Temporary pond	J 4	c. 404			
83	Temporary pond	P 11	160			

*The stations located by letters are not included in this table, and not all of them are marked on the map. Station B refers to Camp Hazen and Station E to Craig Harbour. Station D, which is marked on the map, is a "stream on a mountain slope", and Station D, which is not specifically located, is "a mountain slope". Station F is not located.

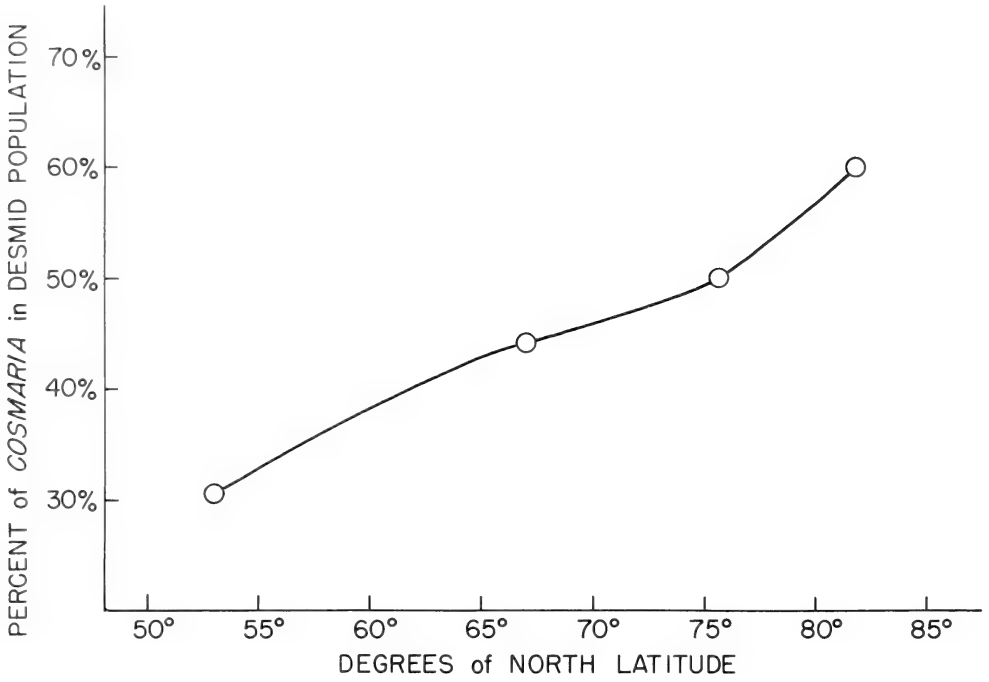
Appendix B



Graph 1. Relationship between permanence of a pond and the algae it supports.



Graph 2. Relationship between degrees of north latitude and number of desmid genera.



Graph 3. Relationship between degrees of north latitude and abundance of *Cosmaria* in desmid population.

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